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REDS BEGIN DRIVE ON CANTON

Three Armies In 50-Mile Thrust Into Kwangtung 90 MILES FROM CANTON

Canton, September 26.

The Chinese Communists hurled three armies into Kwangtung Province today. It was the long expected big-scale drive for Canton, the Nationalist refugee capital.

Accommodation For Gordon Evacuees

The 22 General Gordon is due to arrive here from Shanghai at about 9 a.m. today.

A Government spokesman said yesterday that accommodation arrangements have been made only for those passengers who are not proceeding by the same ship and who do not have accommodation here for an indefinite period.

They will continue their journey by the troopship, Orinda.

The spokesman said that it is well known that the accommodation position in the Colony is acute.

It has not been possible to extend the hospitality of the Colony to those who have not been able to arrange for their own living accommodation here.

Reds After Uranium In Tibet

London, September 26. Reports that Tibet's jagged mountain guards uranium ore today swept that isolated country into the torrent of atomic events.

The renewed Chinese Communist claims to Tibet as Chinese territory received special attention in the British Foreign Office. They revived speculation that the Chinese Communists were being inspired by Soviet Russia to lay claim to an area they believe to be rich in fissionable material.

Official quarters in London would not comment today on the probable presence of uranium or other atomic mineral deposits in Tibet but they admitted that past expeditions have ascertained the presence there of "mineral deposits of considerable value".

Chinese Nationalist sources revealed that in June, 1947, incidents occurred on the borders of Russian-controlled Outer Mongolia and the Chinese Province of Sinkiang in the Tien Shan Mountains which, they said, were Russian attempts to seize position where uranium deposits were thought to lie.

They also recalled that Russia was negotiating with the Chinese Nationalist government until two months ago for a mineral exploitation agreement in Sinkiang. These negotiations have, according to Chinese Communist broadcasts from Peiping, now been broken off and for the first time the Russians appeared openly on the scene when Chinese Communists captured Lanchow, capital of Kansu Province, a motor road runs from Lanchow to Tihwa, capital of Sinkiang, and is being extended from Tihwa into Tibet.—United Press.

THE WEATHER

At 0600 GMT (2 p.m. HKST) a trough of low pressure from the depression over Siberia stretches Southwards across Kyushu and thence SW into Southern China. W of this trough a fairly extensive anti-cyclone covers most of China and the E side of high pressure extends Eastwards from Southern Japan across the Pacific. Pressure gradients are weak over the South China Sea.

Today's Forecast—Light variable breeze, E to W, 10 to 15 mph.

Yesterday's Weather—Maximum: 81.0 deg. F. Minimum: 71.2 deg. F. Rainfall: 0.5 inches. Total since Jan. 1—1532.4 mm.—72.5 in. as against an average of 1926.0 mm.—75.78 in.

Readings at 10 p.m.

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Michaelmas Fair

Sir,—The annual Michaelmas Fair of St. John's Cathedral will be held on 1st October, 1949, in the grounds of the Headquarters of the Hong Kong Defence Force, Garden Road (by kind permission of Col. L. T. Ride). The Fair will be opened at 3 p.m. by Mrs. A.C.G. Madden.

For many years prior to the recent war, St. John's Cathedral, following a centuries-old custom in England, ran a Fair at Michaelmas tide, and this annual event was successfully revived last year. The Michaelmas Fair is always one of the first events of a winter season and is always a popular, especially amongst those who wish to secure unusual bargains in anticipation of Christmas. Further, like all Fairs, it provides an opportunity of combining business with fun and jollity, whilst the case of a Fair such as this, there is the added incentive of supporting the work of the Cathedral.

The financial needs of the Cathedral are only too well known to your readers. The annual expenditure amounts to something in the neighbourhood of \$75,000, and the only permanent endowment provides approximately one-seventh of this total. It is therefore necessary to raise some \$60,000 annually, and in spite of the generous offerings of the faithful, the Cathedral is always in a substantial deficit to be covered by special appeals and events such as the Michaelmas Fair.

This event therefore is commended to the notice of your readers with the assurance that they will get good value for money, enjoy themselves in a manner quite unlike any other activity in Hong Kong, and at the same time help St. John's Cathedral to achieve a reasonable balance of income and expenditure.

E. W. PUDNEY,
Chairman.
(Mrs.) **ANN HART,**
Hon. Secretary,
St. John's Cathedral
Michaelmas Fair
Committee.

Pen Pal Wanted

Sir,—As a person who has always taken a keen interest in the inhabitants of other lands, I would appreciate it very much if you would assist me through the "Correspondence" column of your paper, to gain pen friends of either sex, in your country. My main interests are attending all types of sporting events, stamp collecting and collecting gramophone discs. I would be able to exchange Australian books and magazines for Hong Kong editions.

J. GILES,
460, Bae Street,
North Fitzroy,
Melbourne, Australia.

HK ART CLUB

The Hong Kong Art Club's monthly exhibition will be held at St. John's Cathedral Hall tomorrow and Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

At 5.30 p.m. on Thursday Mr. Luis Chan will lecture on the principles of Chinese Painting and demonstrations will be given by Professor Chao Shao Ang and Mr. Yeung Sin Sum. Admission free.

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Inquiry Into Chak Sang Disaster Is Resumed

The Marine Court of Inquiry investigating the explosion aboard the British steamer Chak Sang on September 7 with the loss of 13 lives resumed proceedings yesterday.

Chan Chung, foreman-stevedore of the No. 1 Hatch, engaged by Wang Kee Company, gave evidence before the five-man Court, headed by Mr. Neill Garland, Director of Marine.

The Court comprises the Director of Marine as President, Captain J. N. MacFarlane (Master Mariner), Professor J. E. Driver (Professor of Chemistry, Hong Kong University), Mr. J. Redman (Government Chemist) and Lieutenant Commander J. B. P. Stirling, R.N.

Representing the master of the vessel, Mr. G. W. Edwards, and the chief officer, Mr. B. Johnson, is Mr. D. L. Strellett. Mr. J. Lynn holds a watching brief for the owners.

The hearing was adjourned from last Thursday afternoon. In his evidence, Chan Chung told the Court that he began work on the Chak Sang on September 5 till 6 a.m. on September 7.

He was working in the Nos. 2 and 3 holds during this period. At 11 p.m. on September 6 he stopped loading in the No. 1 hatch. Then he loaded steel angles in No. 2 hatch till 8 a.m. he declared.

Holds Clean

Before he began loading, when he turned up for duty on September 5 at 8 a.m., there was some cargo to be discharged, which was subsequently done under his supervision.

The cleaning of the holds was not done by him. They were clean and dry when he started loading, at 6 p.m. on September 6. First to go in were 30 drums of indigo, which were stowed in the No. 1 hatch on the port side at the after end.

Both cargo doors between the No. 1 and No. 2 holds were closed and were not opened during the loading, witness said. Asked whether he was informed that there were dangerous goods in the lot he was loading, witness replied in the negative.

Witness then detailed the stowage of the cargo which he handled. When the Court asked how one could get into the hold after he had stopped work at 11 p.m. on September 6 for supper, witness said one could lift the wooden covers which were not pegged down.

There was a watchman employed by the ship's agent who was informed by witness that he (witness) was stopping work for supper at 11 p.m. that night.

No Leakage

There was no damage or leakage among the cargo. If there had been any, he would have observed a report from his coxies.

"But since I began work as stevedore in 1945, it has been a rare occasion for coxies to report damage," witness added.

He declared that had there been any damage, he would have had to report to the Chief Officer of the ship.

Witness declared he was satisfied that there was no other cargo loaded besides what he had supervised.

Cross-examined, witness said he was not responsible for the quantity of the cargo loaded. "All we did was to fill the holds. I trusted the tallymen who were responsible for the amount of cargo loaded."

Hearing was then adjourned to 2.15 p.m. today.

Trio Sentenced For Holding Up Ferry Launch

Three men who held up a Yau-mat Ferry launch plying between the Colony and Chinese territory on January 15 this year were given eight years and 10 strokes each at the Criminal Sessions yesterday by the Chief Justice, Sir Leslie Gibson.

Tung Chuen and Ho Shuen were found guilty by an all-male jury of taking part in the robbery of the "Man Fat" Wong Kit had pleaded guilty to the charge before the trial.

Mr. A. Hooton, Crown Counsel, assisted by Detective Inspector C. Askew, prosecuted. None of the accused was legally represented. On the day in question, the launch "Man Fat," which had been sailing back from Chinese territory, anchored in Deep Bay, shortly after it had weighed anchor again, the coxswain was approached by a man from behind and ordered to direct the boat straight ahead.

A passenger was shot through the leg. The total loot was a gold finger ring, a gold watch, US\$110, HK\$22. The matter was reported to the Water Police on the launch's arrival here.

Government Statement On Rice Challenged

A statement issued by the Public Relations Officer on September 4 to the effect that typical Government ration rice at 60 cents a catty contained five per cent broken and 95 per cent whole grain, and that this price was fully justified as the cost to Government was already 54 to 55 cents a catty, was challenged by the Chinese Reform Association yesterday.

In a written reply, the Association, disputing Government's assertion, said they could produce for inspection 10 samples, obtained from all over the urban area, of Government rice issued in August, June and May out of which only one contained five per cent broken while the others averaged 18 per cent broken. However, the statement went on, four of the 10 were unfit for human consumption, three being worm-infested and one stunk when cooked, due to age.

As to cost of the rice the Association gave its breakdown of cost showing that middle grade new crop Bangkok rice as bought by the Government through the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organisation could be sold here retail at not more than 49 cents a catty, or 42 cents ex-governor, without allowing for the economies of large scale operation. It invited the Public Relations Officer to give his breakdown figures to justify a scale price of 60 cents a catty.



Mr. J.D. Romer, newly elected chairman of the Biological Circle, Hong Kong, which held its inaugural meeting yesterday at the PRO Theatre. ("China Mail" Photo).

Biological Circle's Meeting

The Biological Circle held its inaugural meeting at the PRO Theatre yesterday evening under the chairmanship of Mr. J. D. Romer.

It was originally proposed that it should be called the zoological circle, but upon the suggestion of some members that botany should be included the name was changed to biological circle.

Mr. Romer said there were perhaps few zoological experts in the Colony but there were many people who were interested, and it was with the purpose of getting them together that this organisation was formed.

Its main purpose would be to get together specialists of various groups to discuss their problems and to improve their knowledge.

It would also try to stimulate public interest in the study of the animal and plant life of the Colony.

In the discussion which followed the Chairman's proposals, it was decided that the annual subscription for adults would be HK\$15, and that for the Services, Juveniles, and pupils attending schools, it should be HK\$7.50.

Lecture And Outings

There would be at least one lecture or outing a month, to be held during the first week of the month, and further lectures or outings may be arranged.

Among suggestions put forward by members of the Services should be invited to attend all lectures.

In the election of officials which followed the general discussion, Mr. J. D. Romer was chosen the first Chairman of the Biological Circle, Hong Kong, and Mr. J. C. E. Brit, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer.

A committee of five, including the Chairman and the Secretary, was elected. The other members were Mr. A. L. Potter, Mr. I. E. House, and Mr. H. H. Duke.

T. V. Soong Mentioned In Tenancy Case

The name of T. V. Soong figured in a case in the Appeal Court yesterday before Mr. Justice Gault, Puisse Judge. The appeal was against the decision of a Tenancy Tribunal which refused an application for an eviction order.

The respondent in the case, who was the opponent at the Tenancy Tribunal hearing, solicited the assistance of the former Governor of Kwangtung in order to retain his occupation of 5A Broom Road, ground floor.

The appellants were Eu Tong-sen Limited, who were represented by Mr. Leo d'Almada, KC, instructed by Mr. Y. K. Kan, Shen Song-fong, journalist, was the respondent, who is at present staying at the premises in dispute situated in Happy Valley. He is represented by Mr. M. A. da Silva.

Respondents' Case

Referring once more to the letter written by Soong's secretary on Soong's behalf, counsel reiterated that the letter, written to applicant, was with a view of letting opponent stay in the premises by Soong's influence.

Opening the case for the respondents, Mr. Silva told the Court that he regretted saying that the application before the Tenancy Tribunal had been misconceived in the first instance.

The appellant however thought fit to try out a case in an attempt to show there had been a caretaker's agreement, he declared. The appellant had also thought fit to justify this misconception by the present misconceived appeal.

Mr. Silva went on to refer to what he termed, "disparaging remarks," made by Mr. d'Almada about the Tribunal, Magistrate sitting at the evidence in question. Mr. C. Stewart in relation to his findings on the application, Mr. Silva declared that Mr. Stewart was very competent in the Tribunal, as he was a president of the now-defunct Y. C. C. Court.

No material fact of the case had been ignored by the Tribunal, Magistrate in his consideration. Mr. Silva asserted.

One cannot put a bunch of suspicious circumstances into an accumulative circumstance, and make it one conclusive evidence, Mr. Silva submitted. That was what Mr. d'Almada has done, he added.

After quoting various authorities, Mr. Silva, referring to Mr. d'Almada's items, submitted that unless the evidence pointed unerringly at one conclusion only, the Tribunal Magistrate is not allowed to look at the evidence and weigh the balance.

After Mr. Silva had gone through Mr. d'Almada's propositions and authorities in support of his submissions, Mr. d'Almada replied to Mr. Silva's address. Judgment was then reserved by Mr. Gault.

Did Not Return

Counsel submitted that if such an agreement had been arranged, the appellant would have expected from the opponent would be some reference to the matter.

Turning to the facts of the case as set out by the appellants, Mr. d'Almada said that in 1938, Benwell, the tenant of the premises told the opponent that he was going to Australia. He asked him to go over and stay at the Broom Road as caretaker for him in his absence for six months. That was agreed.

Before he left, Benwell paid the landlord rent for January as well as for the next six months. After six months, however, Benwell did not return from Australia.

Counsel here stated that there was no evidence that he was returning. It was his intention to suggest that he, a Government servant was going on leave, then it was a mistake, because Benwell was in fact dismissed from service in 1947. Mr. d'Almada asserted.

He told the Court that Benwell's dismissal from Government service was not disclosed at the alleged agreement in question. Counsel further said that the appellant eventually received a letter from T. V. Soong, the object of which was to use influence of the latter with a view to letting opponent remain in the premises. This, Mr. d'Almada stated, was the result of a conversation which took place at a wedding party given by T. V. Soong, a friend of both appellants and respondent, attended. This letter was delivered by opponent himself to the applicants.

Letter To CSO

Turning to the premises, Mr. d'Almada stated that in relation to the electric meters there, the opponent transferred them into his own name, as was found later. He also had a telephone installed there when he went in. "Lo and Lo" then wrote a letter to the Colonial Secretariat inquiring about Benwell after which it was found that Benwell was not any more in the Colony.

Mr. d'Almada submitted that the six months' payment was nothing but a sham and a blind to hide the fact that there was a transfer of the premises. Counsel went on to lay down several propositions tending to support his contention. He pointed out Benwell's non-return, the circumstances of his departure, the non-disclosure of his dismissal when he made the arrangements in January 1948, the installation of the telephone in 5A Broom Road by Shen, and other terms.

WEDDINGS

The wedding of Li Fook-lin, banker, of 23 Seymour Road, and Miss Ng Sui-tun, of 27A Robinson Road, took place at the Supreme Court Marriage Registrar's Office yesterday in the presence of the pair's respective fathers, Li Lian-sang and Ng Chak-wa.

The forthcoming wedding has been announced of Norman Lawrence, scientific officer of the Royal Observatory, and Miss Annie Park, Carson, school teacher, of Arlington Government Hotel.

The Earl of Listowel, Minister of State for Colonial Affairs, will leave London by air on October 1 for a tour lasting about two months of the British Caribbean Colonies.

His tour will include visits to the Bahamas, Jamaica, British Honduras, Trinidad, British Guiana, Barbados, the Leeward Islands, and the Windward Islands.

Lord Listowel will preside over a Conference of the Governors of the Caribbean Colonies at Barbados from November 7 to 12.

LORD LISTOWEL

SHANGHAI MOBS HOOTED AT EUROPEAN WOMEN

(Exclusive to "China Mail")

Since the occupation of Shanghai by the Chinese Communists, European women have not dared to walk in the streets alone, Mrs. Sydney Smith said yesterday.

Mrs. Smith, wife of the London "Daily Express" Correspondent in Shanghai, is the first European woman to leave Shanghai since the occupation.

She said that beggars and pedicab boys howled and hooted at unescorted European women, followed them for blocks spitting at them, and shouting insults.

Mrs. Smith added: "It was not unusual for a pedicab boy to follow a European woman for several blocks until they ran into a Communist policeman, and then claim that he had carried the woman in his pedicab and the woman had refused to pay him."

In heavy seas, the Nationalist warship came alongside the Leong Bee, and ordered the Captain to follow him into Tanghai. A British ship, several miles off, wired the Nationalist ship asking what ship they were detaining, and the Nationalist wired the British Captain that the Leong Bee was a "Chinese oil tanker."

What A Life!

Mrs. Smith said: "The British Captain took his word for it, and our chances of being freed fell through."

After several days in Tanghai, Mr. and Mrs. Smith boarded the Edith Moller.

She said: "A day out of Tanghai, after a distressed Nationalist ship stopped us, I was sprayed out on the deck and frightened to death when the Edith Moller captain made his dash in the darkness, but we were successful in leaving."

Mr. and Mrs. Smith said that they were going to a quiet hotel near Singapore for a month's holiday.

Mrs. Smith added: "What a life!"

She said that it was mandatory that all Europeans carried a Chinese vaccination certificate for cholera, and smallpox because countless vaccination stations were set up on Shanghai's streets, and the attendants would pull Europeans off the streets and give them shots.

Mrs. Smith added: "One woman friend of mine had three cholera shots in one week. It would not have been quite so bad if the Communists had been properly equipped, but they continually used an old, blunt needle, and wiped one's arm with a dirty piece of gauze."

Shanghai prices of cosmetics were "fantastic," she said. A good quality stick of lipstick cost HK\$40.00, and decent face powder HK\$32.00.

Only Recreation

All imported clothes are from four to five hundred percent higher than in Hong Kong, and a simple meat dish, with ice cream and coffee cost HK\$15.00.

During the several months that Mrs. Smith was in Shanghai, she said that the only recreation for the women was to play bridge or hear disco, and take their children to the private clubs where they could swim and sunbathe.

She added: "During the rather frequent air raids, all the women had a tacit agreement not to show alarm or concern while the children were present, but the children seemed to take the air raids easier than the adults."

During one particularly intense air raid, Mrs. Smith was at the Swimming Club with friends, and a little eight years old girl heard the bombs and casually got out of the pool.

Mrs. Smith said the young girl came over to the group of women and said: "Bombing planes again. How boring! I think I'll go back in swimming."

Most of the women talked about ways and means of leaving Shanghai after about the first month of the occupation, but the permanent residents seemed quite content.

Regarded With Contempt

Mrs. Smith said: "One thing that did aggravate most of the women was the manner in which Communist officials and soldiers regarded them with contempt and totally ignored them."

"When my husband and myself applied for exist visas, the Communist official asked my husband to fill out my 'form' for me, and they only required me to sign the form and be fingerprinted."

"However, the Communists do believe that a woman is a likely smuggler. My luggage was more thoroughly searched than my husband's when we were going on board the Leong Bee, and a Communist woman searched my person thoroughly before I was allowed to leave."

She said that she and her husband had to publish in two local newspapers their intention of leaving Shanghai before their exit visa was finalised.

She added: "If they used the same requirement for the 1,400 passengers on the ss. General Gordon, then the local newspapers will make more than \$10,000 on these advertisements alone."

Pilotless Ship

The British ship, ss. Leong Bee, which was to take Mr. and Mrs. Smith to Hong Kong was described by its pilot at midnight the day it left Shanghai, and the following day, without pilot, the ship ran into the mud.

The Leong Bee's Captain sighted a Nationalist warship the next day, and ordered the ship's engines at full speed for more than an hour, and after freeing the ship from the mud, headed back to Shanghai.

Two days later, the ship tried to make it again, but the Nationalist warship was still waiting for the Leong Bee, and fired warning shots for the ship to stop.

Woman Fined For Gold Smuggling

For importing a bar of gold valued at \$1,850 at the black market rate, a Chinese woman was fined \$550 by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Kowloon yesterday.

Prosecuting Revenue Inspector Fowler told the court that defendant was arrested by Revenue Officers at the Kowloon Railway Station on September 24.

She was asked by a searcher whether she had any gold to declare and replied "no".

The gold was ordered to be returned to her.

Another gold case before Mr. d'Almada yesterday involved three women and a girl.

Ma Sau-chin, aged 38, Ma Mong-fa, aged 74, Ma Pat-to, aged 41, and a 14-year-old girl were arrested at Kai Tak Airport on Sunday.

First defendant had in her possession 12 bars of about \$7.5 each. Four of the bars were concealed in her shoulder pads, five in her garments and three were wrapped in a girdle.

The 74-year-old woman had two bars of about 10 tael. They were both strapped around her. The third woman had 30 gold coins weighing about 2.4 tael in her shoes.

The girl had eight bars of approximately 12 tael. They were all concealed in a girdle.

As none of the defendants were present in court their bail of \$30 each was also continued. The gold was also continued.

Trip To Canada Sponsored By UNESCO

"Hong Kong seems much too crowded," a journalist and a teacher from Singapore who arrived in the Colony by BOAC on Sunday on their way to Canada via Japan.

Roy Perren, 33-year-old "Singapore Times" reporter, and Cyril Jansen, Government school teacher, aged 34, will proceed to Canada by air on Thursday under the auspices of UNESCO (United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation).

The pair, who told the "China Mail" yesterday that this was their first visit here, have been selected from numerous applicants in Singapore and will spend six months in Canada where they will acquire and absorb more general knowledge in their respective vocations.

Jansen is going to Montreal; Perren will go to Ottawa, where he will be under the care of Mr. T. C. Daly, Head of the Canadian National Film Board and Mr. Wilk Eggleston, Director of the Department of Journalism at Carleton College. Perren will stay three months in that Canadian capital, whence he will do a tour of Canada.

Professor Garcia's Book On Citizenship In The Philippines

Professor Leon T. Garcia, Philippine Vice-Consul in Hong Kong and Macao, is the author of a 400-page book just published entitled "Problems of Citizenship in the Philippines."

The book embodies the citizenship laws of various countries, including the Law of Nations as agreed in the Convention on the conflict of nationality laws signed at the Hague by 31 states.

Written in trestle form, the book is of great utility not only to Filipinos themselves and foreigners who have intermarried as well as their children where problems of their nationality are involved, but also to lawyers, jurists, professors of law, law students, universities, law schools and the different consulates which have to solve questions on citizenship.

The author, who is a well-known scholar and outstanding authority on immigration and citizenship law, and who as Vice-Consul is actually handling questions on the matter, is well qualified to undertake the preparation of such an important book.

Holds Degrees

Professor Garcia is a holder of the title of Associate in Arts and the degrees of Bachelor of Laws and Master of Laws in different universities in the Philippines. He is a prominent member of the Philippine Bar and former Legal Researcher and Chairman of the Board of Special Inquiry of Philippine Immigration Commission; Government Chief Prosecutor against alien subversive elements; Professorial Lecturer in Law School in Manila; author of law books; winner in 1948 National Biography Contest conducted by the Republic of the Philippines, for his work, "The Life and Works of Andres Bonifacio", under the pen name "Shanghai's Dovecote"; Honorary member and Legal Adviser of Philippine Community Association in Shanghai; first Filipino lawyer ever permitted to appear in Courts of Shanghai in defence of rights of Filipino nationals, the first Filipino scholar ever appointed professor of law in the Soochow University Law School in Shanghai; Member, Philippine Council and Research, Member of the Royal Asiatic Society, North China Branch, Shanghai; and on December 16, 1948, he was awarded a second award ever conferred in 30 years by the Soochow University Law School, for services rendered for the promotion of cultural friendship and understanding between the Philippines and China.

Refugees On Hazardous Ocean Cruise

Stockholm, September 26.

A former British landing craft overloaded with Baltic refugees, was believed on the high seas today, determined to make the hazardous trans-Atlantic cruise to Canada after refusing to stop for a Swedish coast guard cutter which fired warning shots.

The cutter was ordered to intercept the ship Victory when it slipped out of Gothenburg harbor after the port authorities had refused it clearance because they doubted it would survive autumn gales in the Atlantic.

The Victory was built to carry no more than 50 people but it had 300 adults and 100 children aboard. Supply of provisions was said to be very small.

The cutter caught up with the ship four miles off the West Swedish coast, fired a blank shot and ordered the Victory to return to port.

The captain of the refugee ship said he was only moving to another Swedish port but continued toward the open sea at high speed.

It was said the navy boat was too small to block the Victory's way without the risk of being rammed.—United Press.

VALUATION OF TENEMENTS

A valuation of the tenements in the island of Hong Kong, Apichau, Kellet and Middle Islands and in Kowloon and New Kowloon for the year commencing April 1, 1950, shall be made before January 31, 1950, or as soon thereafter as may be, it was officially announced yesterday.

KOWLOON SCOUTS

The Life Saving examination of Kowloon Scouts will be held on Thursday, September 29 at 5 p.m. at the Lai Chi Kok Swimming Park.



PROFESSOR GARCIA

Ningsia Surrenders To The Reds

(Continued from Page 1)

From the military standpoint there is not much left of the once strong Nationalist military machine there. General Ma Pu-feng, who still has the title of North West commander—once held by General Chang Chih-chung who is now in Peiping, is in Hong Kong arranging for a pilgrimage to Mecca for himself and his family.

Resistance Useless

General Ma Hung-kwei, the North West commander's brother and deputy commander, is in Chungking and is reported to have informed Chiang Kai-shek that further resistance in the North West is useless.

It is being left to General Ma Chih-yun, son of Ma Pu-feng, to uphold the Ma family's traditional pledge of a fight to the death against Communism. Ma Chih-yun, who also conferred in Chungking with Chiang Kai-shek, is reported having returned to Chinghai province to rejoin his Moslem troops who are in Tulin North West of Sining.

Official sources are not admitting publicly that Sinkiang may follow the example of Suiyuan, but they are known privately to be deeply concerned. Sinkiang is believed one of the major items before the Supreme Council over which Chiang Kai-shek presided in person in its current discussions.

The vanguard of Nationalist troops being sent into Yunnan to reinforce regular army units there, has arrived from Kweichow, it was learned today.

A report sent here from Tali in West Yunnan, where General Yu Kien-fen now has his headquarters, said that all districts in that region had been cleared of Communists and Red sympathisers excepting Faking, Likang, Kienchwaq and Ntju.

Prior to the recent decision of Governor Lu Han to actively support the Central Government, Communists had flourished particularly in West Yunnan. The entire region was under the control of local Reds organised as the "Communist Revolutionary League."

This organisation worked openly, and was mainly responsible for the presence of two avowed Communist units in the Yunnan provincial council—who were among the dissidents "purged" after Lu Han and Chiang Kai-shek reached their agreement at Chungking.

General Yu Kien-fen, who had considerable experience as a field general in World War II, is described as an expert in eliminating dissident influences in areas under his control, and acquaintances here predict he will move quickly and effectively against the four West Yunnan districts where there is still some Red influence.—Our Own Correspondent and United Press.

WITNESSES TO ACCIDENT SOUGHT

A traffic accident occurred in Shantung Street in September 13 at about 12.10 p.m. near Canton Road in which a Chinese woman was knocked down and received fatal injuries.

Any persons who witnessed the accident or who can give any information should communicate with the Traffic Office, Kowloon or with any other Police Stations.

REQUISITIONING

The Government Quartermaster has requisitioned two lots of vacant land at La Salle Road, Kowloon (N.K.L.D. 2740 and 2707) for the Military.

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Bridge Drive (for civilians and Services), European YMCA, 8 p.m.
H.K. Rotary Club luncheon, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
Chinese art exhibition by Miss Tsang Yuh-ho, Fung Ping Shan Library, HK University, 10.30 a.m.
Local Printing Press, Limited, annual meeting, 13 Duddell St., 12 noon.
Kowloon Union Church, women's guild meeting, 10 a.m.
Urban Council meeting, GPO building, 4.15 p.m.
HK Light Orchestra rehearsal, HK & Shanghai Bank public hall, 6.45 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW

Tue H meeting, 50, MacDonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.
Mahjong Lessons, European YMCA, 8 p.m.
HK Amateur Radio Transmitting Society, China Fleet Club, 5.30 p.m.
HK Art Club, monthly exhibition, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

THURSDAY

Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
Y's Men's Club of Hong Kong, luncheon at the Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.45 p.m.
HK Art Club, monthly exhibition, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; lecture by Mr. Luis Cham, 5.30 p.m.

Youth Gaoled For Larceny And Assault

A 20-year-old youth who had three previous convictions for larceny was sentenced by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Kowloon yesterday to a year and four months' imprisonment with hard labour for larceny of a cotton jacket valued at \$6, assaulting a police officer and breach of a deportation order.

Tsoi Ping-kan, unemployed, was additionally charged with being a member of the Luen Yung Triad Society.

He was arrested by Detective 1107 in an alley behind the Imperial Ballroom on the night of September 21 for being a suspected returned banished.

Defendant attempted to run away. He also struggled with the detective who was scratched by defendant on the arms, knees and hands. The detective's shirt was also torn.

Later, when a friend of the detective passed by, defendant was arrested with the friend's assistance.

Enquiries at the police station revealed that defendant was a returned banished and a member of an illegal society, and had stolen the jacket, which he was wearing, from the ground floor of 174 Portland Street that morning.

He was also ordered to be re-deported.

BLUESTONE JOINS REID TRAVEL SERVICE

Mr. Jack Reid, Managing Director of Reid Travel Company Ltd., announced yesterday that Mr. Robert M. Bluestone Jr., formerly Assistant Manager of Philippine Airlines, has joined the Agency as Sales Manager.

Mr. Bluestone is well known in business circles here. Mr. Bluestone was brought up in Shanghai. He joined the HKYDC at the outbreak of war, and was later interned as a prisoner of war at Shanghai.

At the end of the war, he was with the Custodian of Enemy Property, second-in-command to Captain Fiklin, later to Captain Edwards. After his work in the office of the Custodian of Enemy Property, he joined the staff of Kwong Hip Lung Ship Yards, as manager.

He is a member of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, Equine Sports Club and Kowloon Football Club.

FISH PRICES

Following are the fish average prices quoted at the Hong Kong Fish Wholesale Market, Kowloon, at 10 a.m. Monday sales yesterday:

Name	First Quality Average Price	Second Quality Average Price
Yellow Croaker	HK\$2.50	HK\$2.25
Other Croaker	2.25	2.00
Mackerel (Large)	1.75	1.50
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Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Double Tenth Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 8th and Monday, 10th October, 1949, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Telephone House; the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 29th September, 1949.

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SIX SUSPECTS CHARGED IN MENACES CASE

Two married women and four men were charged at Central before Mr. A. D. Scholes yesterday on three counts of demanding \$500 with menaces from a Chinese woman.

The defendants are Leung Sim, aged 37, married woman, Leung Kok-wah, aged 26, Leung Yuk, aged 36, married woman, Luk Wah, aged 42, Wong Him-lung, aged 30, and Cheung Sing-man, aged 45.

They are charged with demanding \$500 with menaces from Cheung Oi-chen, a married woman. The defendants were also charged with repeating the same demand on July 31 and August 1.

Detective Sub-Inspector J. Howlett conducted the case for the prosecution and Mr. Alfred Y. Hon was for the fifth defendant. The rest of the defendants were not legally represented.

DSI Howlett told the court that the complainant, a married woman, resides at 222 Jaffee Road, second floor. She is related to the third defendant and second defendant is a brother of the third defendant.

"The outcome of this case," said DSI Howlett, "is that as a result of some action by complainant, third defendant's ward was taken to the Po Leung Kuk. Third defendant was very angry and blamed the complainant for the loss of her ward."

On July 30, continued DSI Howlett, second defendant, brother of the third defendant, went to complainant's house in Jaffee Road and made some remarks, at the same time blaming complainant for his sister's ward being taken away from her.

After that, first, fourth and sixth defendants arrived. They all created a commotion and raised their voices at the complainant.

Meeting At Tea House

Second defendant, being the spokesman for the party, said certain things and wanted \$500 from complainant so as to take the ward out of the Po Leung Kuk.

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All creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

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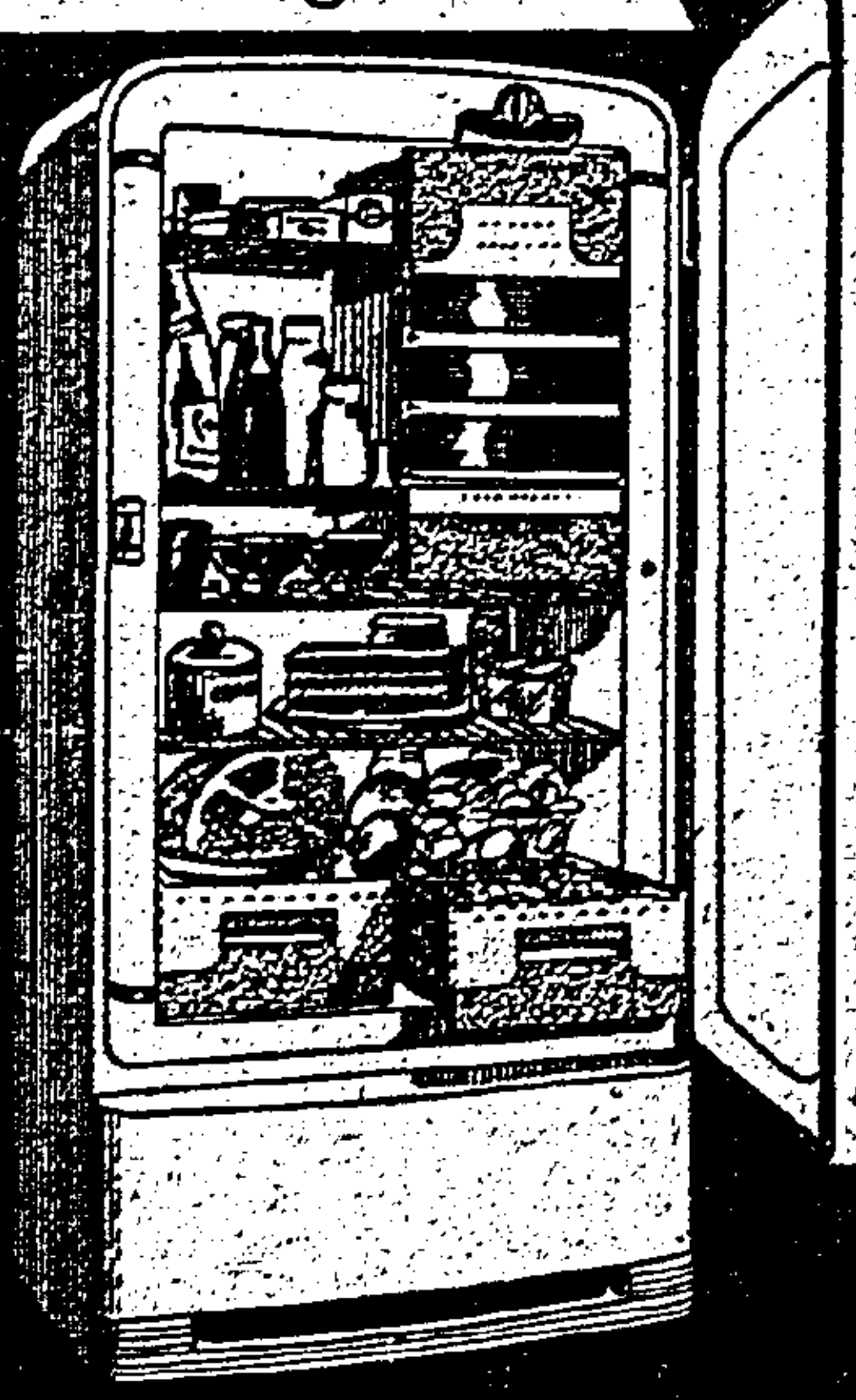
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LET ONE TRICK PASS DEFENDERS should realise that the mechanics of the cards operate the same for them as for the declarer. When playing for a No Trump game, you often see the first trick given up in the dummy's long suit to increase the chances of establishing the rest of it, especially when the dummy lacks ample entries, perhaps having none. But the same player seldom uses the same tactic when on the defence, though it may well be the only possible way to beat the contract.

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H 9 5 4
D 9 3
C 6 5 3 2
S A Q
H K J 10
D J 10 5 2
C A Q J 10

S 7 2
H Q 3 2
D A K Q 8 7 4
C K 9

(Dealer: West. Both sides vulnerable).
West North East South
1 NT Pass 2 S Pass
3 C Pass 3 H Pass
3 NT

That was the most bidding done on this tournament deal, though several pairs reached the same contract. In each case North led the diamond 9, hoping that it would be his partner's suit, which it was. One South well-come the chance to score his three tops and lead a fourth to

West's J. The declarer managed then to make his game by playing so as to keep South out of the lead. He sent the heart J to the A, finessed the club Q, laid down the A in the hope that the K was blanked, which it was. took two more clubs, scored the ruff and led the Q, impugning the Fates to place the K with North, took the heart return with the 10 and laid down the K for the ninth trick.

Where the contract was beaten, South read West for four diamonds to the J-10 and North for two. So he played the 8, and West won. There the declarer felt that his only chance for nine tricks was to find North holding the heart Q. So he finessed the J toward the A. When the Q won this, South ran five diamonds to beat the contract two tricks.

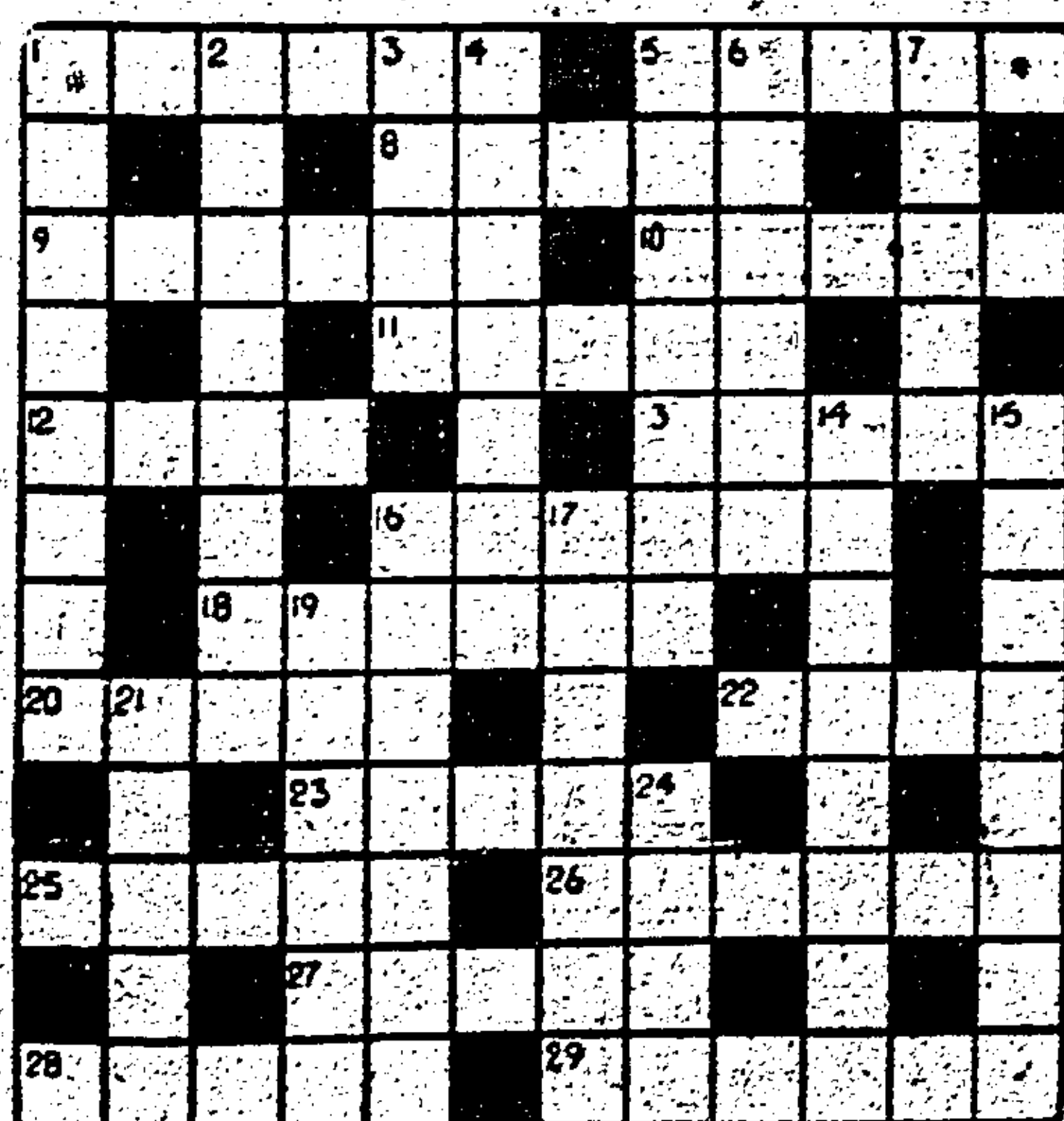
Tomorrow's Problem
S A Q 10 2
H K Q J 8 7 3
D K Q
C None

S 7 4
H A 10 5 4
D A J 8 7 6
C K J 7 5 4

S K J 9 8 6 5
H 6 2
D 3 2
C 10 9 3

(Dealer: South. Both sides vulnerable).
With perfect bidding by both sides, what is the correct final contract for this deal?

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Across

- 1 Quality that excites pity or sadness
- 5 Broadside
- 8 Danger
- 9 Proverbial hard worker
- 10 Chemical
- 11 Weapon
- 12 Song
- 13 Finished
- 16 Money exchange

Down

- 1 Snare
- 2 Very hot
- 3 Precious stone
- 4 Legislator
- 5 Earnest
- 6 Foreigners
- 7 Margin
- 14 Tilt-bit
- 15 Protected
- 16 Blessing
- 17 Unserviceable
- 18 Journey
- 19 Change
- 24 Deplicated

Yesterday's Crossword

ACROSS—3 Step, 7 Value, 8 Aver, 9 Bill, 10 Retinue, 12 Mask, 15 Torso, 16 Coin, 19 Pride, 21

Lairs, 22 Hired, 23 Event, 24 Area, 25 Emerald, 30 Gasp, 31 Muse, 32 Rabid, 33 Deal.
DOWN—1 Capet, 2 Auditor, 4 Tries, 5 Palm, 6 Max, 9 Burn, 11 Noise, 13 Acid, 14 Keen, 16 Opine, 17 Flea, 18 Cite, 20 Retreat, 22 Hemp, 24 Vesta, 25 Plain, 27 Rout, 28 Aged.

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JAPS ANGLING FOR PEACE CONFERENCE

Tokyo, September 25.

The Government is to press for the convening of a veto-free Japanese peace conference in diplomatic notes to 11 Pacific allies this autumn.

However, it will take no hasty action to call a conference without Russia, according to official opinion here.

AIR WAR GAMES IN BRITAIN

London, September 25.

A combined air force of 500 British, American, Dutch, French and Belgian bombers and jet fighters manoeuvred over Britain today in the first giant air games since the announcement that Russia had exploded an atom bomb.

The atom announcement gave a note of urgency to the manoeuvres, in which some 10,000 British anti-aircraft gunners and civilian plane spotters are taking part. Every radar station in Britain is manned.

All night RAF bombers dived over key cities of England and Scotland trying to break through the screens, and squadrons of jet intercepter planes were sent up with orders to "shoot them down—don't let a single plane get by."

At dawn, B-50 bombers from the U.S. Air Force's Third Division, based in Britain, took up the attack from high altitudes. British jet planes soared in the air miles off the coastline, then streaked in, simulating surprise jet bomber attacks.

Unlike previous air exercises, no overall plan of attack was issued to planes representing the "enemy." The defending forces were on a 24-hour alert and did not know when or where the attacks would come. Exercise "Buildup," as the manoeuvres were called, was planned as a realistic preview of a lightning air attack on Britain—United Press.

RAF FIGHTER CRASH

Osnabruck, September 25.
A British fighter plane crashed today at Mettingen, near here, and was burnt out completely. Witnesses of the crash said that they saw no pilot leaping from the plane, which was wrapped in a cloud of smoke before it crashed.—Reuter.

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Prospects for an early peace conference are still believed to be slight, however, since neither Russia nor the United States has shown signs of backing down on the key dispute over the big power veto right in the conference.

Despite the suggestions that the United States and Britain may decide to hold a conference and write a Japanese peace treaty without Russia, informed quarters believe that this threat will not be carried through.

It is pointed out that while the United States Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, and the British

MARTYR TOWN DECORATED

Bologna, September 25.

The martyr town of Italy, Marzabotto, near Bologna, was today awarded the Golden Medal for valour by Italy's President, Signor Luigi Einaudi, during a special ceremony.

Marzabotto's 1,830 inhabitants were shot by German Schutz Staffeln (S.S.) units in reprisal actions against the partisans during the last stages of the war.

V. A. Hammond, Mayor of Coventry, England, attended the ceremony along with Sgr. Alberto Giovanni, Minister without Portfolio.

The official speaker was the Communist Senator, Sgr. Umberto Terracina, former chairman of Italy's Constituent Assembly.—Associated Press.

Society Wedding At St. Mark's

London, September 25.

Miss Maria Donata Nanetta Paulina Gustava Erwin Wilhelmina Stein, 22-year-old raven-haired pianist from Vienna, becomes the Countess of Harewood, a niece by marriage of King George, next Thursday.

He was Lord Harewood's batman in the Grenadier Guards.

The bride's dress is of white brocade, with an all-over pattern of tiny sprays of silver. The material was made specially in Lyons, France. The gown is simply cut with a fitted bodice and long sleeves. The skirt is full pleated at the waist with a long train cut in one with the skirt.

A long tulle veil which the Princess Royal wore at her wedding will fall from a diamond tiara, set specially for the bride from the fine collection of Harewood jewels. The bride is expected to wear pearls, also a present from the Princess Royal.

The best man will be the Hon. Gerald Lascelles, brother of the bridegroom, who flew to England this week from the family estates in Barbados, specially for the wedding.

The wedding cake is more than one metre high, weighs 80 kilograms.

Although Miss Stein has given up her ambition to be professional concert pianist, she will continue her studies. Miss Stein, who is an only child, came to England with her parents in 1938 to escape the Nazi purge.—Reuter.

An all-white wedding, it promises to be the biggest artistic and literary gathering since the war. The romance between the pair, who share a mutual interest in music, has caught the imagination of the public, second only to that of Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh.

The music and the words for the wedding have been written for the occasion by friends of the couple, and other friends will sing and play during the service.

Benjamin Britten, the composer, who played Cupid by introducing them to each other a year ago, has written a wedding Anthem entitled "Amor Ergo Sum" ("I Love Therefore I Am"), in five sections—on the lines of a Bach wedding cantata, but shorter.

Present at the wedding and the reception afterwards in the State rooms will be famous conductors, opera stars, music critics, pianists, instrumentalists and many leading personalities of the Edinburgh Festival and the Amsterdam Musical Festival.

Bride's Dress.

"Mingling with them will be 200 tenants from the 2,000-acre Harewood Estate in Yorkshire, of which Miss Stein will one day be mistress."

A London baker's roundsman, Harry Honeybun, and his wife have been invited to the wedding.

Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, announced agreement on the urgency of settling Japan's peace terms, there has been no official indication that Britain and the United States want to frame a peace which would leave Japan in a legal state of war with Russia and subject to a separate settlement with Russia.

The United States and British drive for a peace conference was based on the belief that now Russia will consider it in her interest to abandon demands for the veto in order to gain potentially great advantages that would come from getting the United States occupation forces out of Japan.

Russia's Hopes

These officials say the only reason that the Russians held out for a peace conference is that they did not want to allow the precedent of setting a break in the veto rule in other conferences where Russia had more to lose.

American experts generally agree that Russia expects to gain more from an early Japanese peace settlement than do other Pacific allies.

The Anglo-American willingness to proceed with writing the treaty is based on the belief that the majority vote of the 11 nations participating in the conference will protect immediate Western interests in Japan while in the long run Japan can be counted upon to remain in the Western Democratic camp despite pressure from Red Asia.—United Press.

U.S. To Set Up Arms Dump In Malta?

Washington, September 25.
The National Defence Department is considering the idea of having a United States arms dump in the island of Malta, which would be immediately available in case of an unfriendly attack on Yugoslavia, and the type of arms would be those most suitable for guerrilla warfare. Until the United States policy is clarified towards Yugoslavia, nothing further is expected to come of this.—United Press.

POLLITT ON THE WARPATH

London, September 25.

The British Communist Party today denounced the Labour Government's devaluation policy as the "biggest swindle in history" and urged workers to demand higher wages and strike against any drop in living standards.

The Party secretary, Mr. Harry Pollitt, in a speech at Sheffield, said: "It is a crime to conceal from the people that devaluation is, above all, a victory for American big business."

He charged the Government with swindling by "trying to persuade the people that devaluation of the pound is the only way to prevent mass unemployment and solve Britain's economic problems."

"This is the opposite of true. Devaluation of the pound is the signal for the fiercest cut-throat competition for limited markets of the capitalist world."

Devaluation will bring higher prices and more and more unemployment, he said.

"All trade unionists should now demand higher wages. Any section of workers who resort to defence of their standard of living, to any forms of mass action such as go-slow movements, token strikes or strikes, official or unofficial, should receive the full support of every section of the trade union movement."

He also said that when Parliament meets on Tuesday to debate devaluation, "it should be bombarded with demands from workers for an end to the present policy of betrayal and for adoption of an alternative policy which can safeguard standards, prevent mass unemployment and restore our national independence."—United Press.

French Dig At Cripps

Dijon, September 25.

The French Socialist Labour Minister, M. Daniel Mayer, said today that it would have been "at least more polite if not more loyal" for Sir Stafford Cripps to have warned France earlier about devaluation.

Speaking at Chenevove, suburb of Dijon, M. Mayer said: "Socialism and Labour are two regimes that know how to ask sacrifices with a real interest in social justice from all classes of society and not just from the working classes alone."

"Without forgetting that Sir Stafford Cripps would have been at least more polite if not more loyal to have given the French government a little notice about devaluation, I think that the British Labour experiment is one of the efforts of international Socialism and that its effects will be felt by the Socialists of the whole world."—Associated Press.

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While statesmen of Britain, the United States and Canada wrestle chummi-ly with the British crisis, other world leaders were trickling back to New York for what may be the most successful General Assembly of the United Nations yet.

United Nations delegates—those practised performers in the art of staminate and deadlock—are full of optimism for the Lake Success conference.

Even the Russians are showing anxiety not to rock the boat more than they can help. The cold war just at the moment seems to be a part of history as last season's Cup Final.

There was an encouraging scene at Lake Success when the Russians went to great lengths to avoid using another veto. The very Argentine who no doubt better out of world wars than most people—tried to force the Russians into using a veto by bringing up the question of admitting more non-Communist countries to the United Nations. Soviet delegates, seeing all the tricks of Soviet mis-lead, managed to talk out the issue and the Argentine delegate left in a huff.

The small yellow tablets are costing at the moment about 6d. each.

Taft's Target

A political campaign of vital importance to America and the world opened when Senator Robert Taft went home to Ohio to campaign for re-election to the Senate next year.

A victory over the Democrats and hostile Ohio Labour would almost certainly win him a Republican Presidential nomination in 1952, the target he misses as regularly as Gordon Richards misses winning the Derby.

Taft son of an American President and architect of the present unsuccessful Republican policy, is usually regarded in Britain as a die-hard isolationist but the issue is not as simple as that. Taft's honesty and moral integrity carry great weight in America and would get him many votes in an election.

The Democrats, however, who may conceivably be represented again by Mr. Truman, would never let Taft as an opponent because they think he would be easier to beat than General Eisenhower or Harold Stassen.

The importance of Taft's present campaign is that he is making British Socialist waste and mismanagement an important plank in his platform and is advocating "No more aid for Britain." His success or failure affects us closely.

Following the riots which wrecked Paul Robeson's concert in Peekskill a fortnight ago, Robeson arranged for a concert the following Sunday, probably knowing that hot-heads who mistake intolerance for righteousness would confound themselves before public opinion by breaking up his concert a second time.

The second riot was worse than the first. Shock brigades of anti-Communist demonstrators pounced on stragglers leaving the concert, hurled motor-cars, hurled bricks through the windows. Violence continued throughout the evening over an area of 10 square miles, injuring more than 50 people.

SPOTLIGHT
ON THE
EMPIRE

For four post-war years Britain and the countries of the Commonwealth have been trying to keep above water. In peace, the Empire relied as in war. Just how much the Empire's contribution has meant to Britain is described here by correspondents in

Canada

Charred-fingered old women milking cows in freezing temperatures and arthritic old men returning to the harvest fields, were the unsuming herbes of Canada's stupendous war efforts. This replacement labour enabled Canada's farms to supply more than half the food Britain needed to import.

When war was declared, Canada's industrial capacity was troubled to include ships, aeroplanes, guns and tanks and many other arms.

The Navy was built up from 17 small ships to nearly 1,000 vessels of all sizes. Under the Empire Air Training plan 122,000 aircrew and 10,000 ground crews were trained on Canadian aerodromes.

Canada provided 2,500,000,000 in Mutual aid to the Allies while her earlier financial aid to Britain totalled \$25,000,000.

South Africa

Hitler is said to have laughed when he heard that South Africa had joined the fight against him. He could not know that South Africa was to build up the greatest volunteer force in the world.

that her Army would fight fearlessly in East and North Africa and in Italy and that her 34 squadrons were destined to drop the first and last bombs in the African campaigns.

When the war ended, South Africa was a prosperous country. Britain was not and the Union came to her aid with an \$80,000,000 gold loan.

India

India's contribution to both war and peace must rank among the biggest in the whole Empire. During the war, she supplied 2,250,000 men who fought in all fronts. The three Indian Services collected 7,015 awards for gallantry, including 31 Victoria Crosses.

Australia

Although the Australian Commonwealth is only 48 years old, it has learned the cost of war. Prime Minister J. B. Chifley recently warned taxpayers that they were still paying \$20,000,000 yearly for pensions and interest charges for the first World War and, in addition, would have to find another \$100,000,000 a year for many years for the Second World War.

In the post-war period, Australia has made outright gifts to Britain of \$15,000,000, and has sold her food and other products to the British Government at negotiated prices far below world rates.

New Zealand

During the past decade New Zealand has played a vast part in Commonwealth affairs. Her expeditionary force fought gallantly in Greece, Crete, the Western Desert and Italy. Another New Zealand force served with the Americans in driving the Japanese from the South Pacific.

New Zealand's contribution to Britain's food supplies throughout the war was equally important and since the war she has continued the task, supplying half of all Britain's imported butter, more than half her imported cheese and over two-thirds of her imported mutton and lamb.



With a Sickle-y Grim. A quarter of the world's population is now standing on its own feet, says Mao Tse-tung. And treading on the toes of the other three-quarters.

According to some local sources, the question of which government to recognise in China can be taken as red.

Why these atoms can't just dash democratically. I can't imagine.

In Hong Kong, price-control is a small matter.

Difficult to estimate whether the Nationalists intend making a grand stand in Amoy, or just another grandstand play.

Keed be. Canton is to be held at any price, says Mr. Koo. But it may prove a pearl without price.

Girls who wear fanned. The whole year through. To get married. But seldom do....

Sign of the times. The fact that all the plum blossom trees are bearing sour grapes in Canton is regarded as not the best of omens.

"Bread in Britain has been raised by a penny a loaf." Lot of straws in the wind this autumn.

One man's meat. Chiang and Lu Han luncheon together at Kimmung. For face's sake, each said the reason he used his own cook was to show his friend what real food is.

Dinner was a little late, so the hostess played the piano. She finished, but there was still an interval of waiting in the silence she turned to her guest and asked, "Would you like a sonata before dinner?" He gave a start of surprise and pleasure. "Why, yes, thank you. I had a couple of my way here, but I think I could stand another."

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THE DYING CLASS

We have recently published two articles on Britain's disappearing middle class, which provided the traders, soldiers and administrators who built up the nation and the empire in the last century. In America and Hong Kong, for instance, this class is still very much in evidence, but in the United Kingdom they have suffered so many blows in recent years that the question is being widely asked whether they can survive as an entity much longer.

Largely because of crushing taxation, Britain's national income has now been so redistributed that professional and business people have a standard of living not much higher than artisans and technicians. The falling off of purchasing power has been accompanied by a loss of political power. Today it is organised labour through powerful trade unions which has the dominating voice.

Further, it is the "workers" who are deciding what the tenor of life shall be, what the proper standards of life are. To make a profit or acquire large sums of money by trade is emphatically frowned on; to have tastes towards a fine house, servants, foreign travel, etc. is offensive to the working class sense of propriety and must be eliminated.

It is all being done gradually, of course, without pogroms or outright confiscation, and the weapon of taxation is wielded unceasingly to effective purpose. The formerly comfortably-off now have to live on their capital to maintain even a shadow of their previous life, and with supertax at 19/6d. in the £ it is no longer possible to amass a great fortune.

This will inevitably have a sweeping effect on the fabric of Britain. Having insisted on the principle that there must be little difference in standards of living, the Socialists in power say there is no necessity for large fortunes. The State will provide cradle to grave welfare and insurance, and through nationalisation will gradually take over all industry. The trend is almost impossible to stop, and even by the end of the century it will be a very different country from the one in which some of us were brought up. Whether it is a tragedy or an improvement will largely depend on the point of view.

Members of another dying class are expected to arrive in Hong Kong today—Europeans evacuating from Communist-held Shanghai. They are of many vocations, but they all in essence represent the foreign traders who built up, directly or indirectly, the busy ports on the China coast. If Mao Tse-tung has his way, their day is also done, however tenaciously some individuals still cling to their posts in face of the most fantastic operating conditions. Hong Kong will be the real last stand of Western endeavour in this part of the world, and the test of our strength will be how we can stand up to the gradual undermining pro-

(Almost) All Quiet

Americans, for their part, want to avoid any more squabbles with the Russians in the United Nations. They are trying to suppress attempts to bring the Russian-Yugoslav dispute before the General Assembly.

Even the newspapers are keeping quiet about the Soviet Union. Only the Hearst Press continues to wage its private war.

Meanwhile, in Washington the talks went rather better than expected—certainly better than was wished by those Americans who regarded the Soviet Union as a raid on the American Treasury reminiscent of the Barbary Corsairs.

One of the best proposals to come out of the conference was brought up by the Washington Post, which usually reflects top echelon thinking in Washington. The Post says the United States might stop India's drain on Britain's dollar kitty by bartering American wheat, corn and cotton for India's manganese, shellac and mica, all which are on America's stock-list.

It is not easy to write about a country four times the size of France, of which the Government of the day does not know how many people it rules.

"Official" estimates of Ethiopia's population vary between 7,000,000 and 12,000,000.

It is that kind of country. Almost the first thing I was told—by an Ethiopian—was "This is a country of which it is impossible to write accurately. There are few official records, few reliable statistics. You must go out and find out for yourself."

I went out—and I found out—because much is going to be heard of this African Christian Kingdom of the Emperor Haile Selassie, reputed descendant of King Solomon and the Queen of Sheba, during the next few weeks.

Historically

Ethiopia, at the United Nations, is going to claim her "lost provinces" the former Red Sea Italian Somaliland. Both are at present under British "caretaker" administrations.

These aspirations provide an opportunity for assessing Ethiopia's claim to be recognised as the first-class African Power she will become in area, in potential resources and strategically, if her boundaries are extended over the Horn of Africa to the Red Sea.

Historically Ethiopia's case is that she lost control of the Red Sea coast only because of European annexations in the nineteenth century.

But all recorded history shows that the Ethiopians, the Ambas of the Red Sea, had little hold over the turbulent Moslem and pagan tribes of the coastal lowlands, from the Middle Ages onwards. There was constant fighting with the Danakil, Galla and Somali.

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ETHIOPIA WANTS BACK
HER LOST PROVINCES

Geographically and ethnographically there is a case for the union of the predominantly Coptic highlanders of Eritrea. According to her rulers, £1,000,000 was spent on education last year. In twelve months fifty schools have been built, bringing the total up to 430.

Maybe, but there are only four secondary schools (with possibly 600 pupils) where a boy or girl of sixteen can attain matriculation standard. Others are certainly planned, some are building.

There is no post-secondary education at all, no university and no medical school.

In public health, the Government claims twenty hospitals with 2,000 beds, over 100 clinics working, and produces glowing figures for doctors, nurses and trainees of new hospitals and clinics planned and in course of construction.

The truth? There is not a single Ethiopian doctor—although there are "plans" to send students to British medical schools. There was a list of twenty-eight doctors serving Addis Ababa's estimated 250,000 population.

Foreign money and foreign medical missions are perhaps winning a gigantic battle with with ignorance and dirt, grappling with figures for venereal disease, typhus, relapsing fever, malaria and dysentery which are horrifying.

Takes the foreigners away and what efficiency and integrity may exist in Ethiopia's health services will vanish.

Nothing I have written implies criticism of the mass of Ethiopians.

If I have judged their country with the yardstick of British standards, it is only because I am a British reporter writing for British readers.

Fascist Attack They are paying a high price in the modern world for the independence which has been theirs almost continuously since time immemorial.

They have suffered. Their country might have been very different to-day had it not been for the Fascist onslaught in 1935, but for the calculated slaughter by the Italians of their educated men.

They are, indeed, a proud and ancient people, glorying in an Empire older than ours.

They have charm and courtesy, are deeply religious, there are, it is said, 20,000 churches, many with 100 priests attached to them. They deserve the world's goodwill.

Before that trade can be boosted to the point at which a demand for ports bears full examination, a vast range of improvements in technique and marketing must be implemented.

Bad Farmers Despite generally favourable climatic conditions, Ethiopia's agriculture is notorious for its deficiencies.

Ethiopia's coffee bears comparison with the products of her neighbours.

Mineral wealth—except gold—is virtually untapped. There may be oil—what little industry exists is foreign-run.

Both foreign capital and foreign "know-how" are necessary if development plans are to succeed.

CHANGE OF HEART IN THE UNITED NATIONS

Atom Bomb Revelation Spurs New Activity FREEING NATIONS FROM FEAR

Flushing Meadows, September 25.

There has been a noticeable transformation of atmosphere at the United Nations General Assembly since Friday when President Truman announced that an atomic explosion had occurred in Russia.

With the Foreign Ministers of the "Big Five" and of other Western nations present among them, the top-most diplomats of 50 nations present here have represented a unique concentration of the world's political wisdom.

Yet, until Friday morning, there had been little enthusiasm, marked by quiet optimism.

CRIPPS' MEETING WITH TUC

London, September 25. The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, will meet leaders of the Trades Union Congress tomorrow for a session that might determine the timing of the next general election.

With the devaluation of sterling forcing an increase in the cost of living, the most pressing question facing the Labour Government today is: Can trade union demands for higher wages be forestalled?

There was no question here but that the two-to-one Labour majority in the House of Commons could mow down critics of financial policies in the three-day Parliamentary debate which opens on Tuesday.

However, Sir Stafford must convince the leaders of the 8,000,000-member TUC that British economy cannot afford general wage increases now despite the climb in the cost of living.

If he cannot, or if these leaders report they cannot maintain discipline over local union demands, it is believed possible that the Government may call early elections to avoid going to the polls in a period of mounting inflation.—Union Press.

U.S. RELATIONS WITH SPAIN

Washington, September 25. A speedy return to friendly relations with Spain was urged by Senator Robert Taft as a step toward strengthening North Atlantic defenses against a possible Soviet attack.

Senator Taft, who heads the U.S. Senate Republican Policy Committee, said he thinks Spain ought to be invited into the community of nations prepared to fight any advances of Communism.

"There is great strategic value in having the friendship of Spain," the Ohio Senator said. "She is in a key military position so far as Europe is concerned."

"There is no reason why we should not recognise her fully in a diplomatic way and send an Ambassador to Madrid."—Associated Press.

These had, for the most part been occasioned by the sentiments expressed by the Foreign Ministers of the United States, Britain and Soviet Russia, on the eve of the Assembly's first meeting.

Within 72 hours of the Truman-Aitken announcement, however, the United Nations and its Atomic Commission have become focal points of diplomatic efforts to utilise the United Nations as an instrument of ensuring freedom from fear for all Powers, big and small.

Ventilation of this fear has range from the purely sensational to scientific and military appreciations of American strategic and other security measures.

Meanwhile, United Nations diplomats have been spurred to new activity. All sorts of suggestions and formulae centred round the United Nations are being put forward by diplomats to avert the dangers, as one delegate put it, "of the devaluation of the U.S. atom bomb."

A. "Must."

The new President of the General Assembly, Brigadier-General Carlos P. Romulo, has stated that atom control is a "must" for the present session and has stated that the Assembly should take immediate action on it.

While the United Nations Atomic Energy Commission remains deadlocked, consultations between representatives of the "Big Five" and Canada are continuing, and another meeting is to be held on Thursday.

India's constitutional expert, Sir B.N. Rau, who leads the Indian delegation, is playing an important part in attempts to bring about an atomic agreement.

Sir Benegal is understood to have suggested to representative delegations here that the deadlock in the Atomic Energy Commission be ended by referring to the International Law Commission the record of discussions in the Atomic Commission, including the "majority" plan and the Soviet plan for international control.

Formula Wanted

The United States plan is based on unfettered international inspection. The Soviet demand is for unconditional prohibition of atomic weapons, rigid international control and destruction of existing atomic bombs.

Sir Benegal is himself a member of the International Law Commission. It has 15 members, including representatives of the five great Powers.

The full details of Sir Benegal's proposals are not available.

Sir Benegal said today that premature discussion of his proposals might militate against the chances of their success and described as "half-baked versions" speculations that appeared in a section of the press here regarding his efforts.

The basic idea, however, appears to be that the International Law Commission should be asked to produce a formula reconciling the majority and Soviet ideas on atomic control.

Main Hurdle

The main hurdle is how to institute an effective control system prior to the prohibition of atomic weapons.

Newspapers, meanwhile, continue to highlight the "atomic danger" from every possible angle.

Individual papers sometimes carry as many as a dozen articles from different writers on this topic.

Photographs picturing a synthetic atom bomb attack on Manhattan, the heart of New York, have been published. Demands have been made that the Pentagon, seat of the U.S. military chiefs, should be immediately dispersed as it is described as providing too valuable and concentrated a target for a sudden attack.—Reuter.

Grim Find At Dachau

Dachau, September 26. The Mayor of Dachau, Nikolaus Diechel, claimed today that a fresh grave discovered at Dachau had been dug by the Americans who first liberated the concentration camp in 1945.

Herr Diechel said that all the Nazis' victims found dead in the camp had been placed in the pit. "I have repeatedly asked the responsible German authorities to buy the land and put aside money to convert the burial pit into a dignified burial ground, but nothing has been done," Herr Diechel said.

A member of the investigation Commission said that identification of the 4,000 skeletons in the grave would be impossible. He said that the decay was terrible and that grave diggers who tried to sort out the bodies would need to work with face masks.

Earlier this month the U.S. Military Government ordered excavation work stopped on a hill outside Dachau after an unmarked grave containing 100 pieces of human skeletons was found.

Mayor Diechel said there was no connection between the two graves.—Associated Press.

Dulles Warns Of Dangerous Situation

New York, September 25. Republican Senator John Foster Dulles, commenting on Soviet possession of the atomic bomb, said today in a nationwide radio broadcast: "The present Russian knowledge is serious. It is dangerous to have atomic weapons in the hands of people who believe, as the Communists do, that any means is justified to gain their ends."

He added, however, that the danger of war is less likely now than a year ago.

"The Russians believe they can blackmail us with the threat of using atomic weapons. It is not so. It never pays to pay blackmail, least of all to the Communists."—United Press.

WORKERS' PROTEST DELAYED

London, September 25. Meetings of railwaymen at big provincial centres today decided to delay protest action against the rejection by a conciliation board of their claim for an overall increase of 10 shillings per week.

A special delegate union meeting will be held on Thursday and Friday.

The London District Council of the Union had decided to start "go slow" working from midnight last Wednesday but this move petered out.

Today, a Liverpool union, representing 1900 men, decided to wait until the special delegate meeting before they decided on "go slow," but it also decided to press for a review of wages and conditions.

The West Midland District Council meeting at Birmingham accepted the findings of the Conciliation Board, "in view of the serious economic position of the country," but resolved that a further claim for rises for lower paid grades should be put forward.

Delegates representing 4,000 Gateshead, North Eastern England, railwaymen tonight rejected a resolution calling for "go slow" tactics, but agreed to instruct their delegates to next week's meeting to press for a £5 per-week minimum.

The Dundee, Scotland branch, were to have started "go slow" at midnight last night, but conditions today were reported to be normal.—Reuter.

PORTUGUESE LIBERAL DEAD

Lisbon, September 25. Colonel Fernando Utra Machado, aged 67, died in Lisbon today.

A leading Liberal, he conducted the last serious armed attempt to overthrow the dictatorship regime in August, 1931.

He was deported to Timor whence he fled to Spain.

He refused to collaborate with the Spanish Communists. Arrested and sentenced to death in Madrid, he was rescued by Portuguese nationalists.—Associated Press.

SMALL NATIONS WANT ATOM BOMB CONTROL

New York, September 25.

Worried small countries in the United Nations are putting strong pressure on the big powers to curb the atom bomb quickly.

They want international control and the sooner the better. That is the consensus of leading spokesmen for the little nations in the fourth United Nations Assembly.

Their fears about the bomb were high when they knew that the U.S. alone had it.

Now that the Russians say they have an atomic weapon, their apprehension reaches new heights.

President Carlos P. Romulo of the Assembly set the pace with a demand that the present Assembly, which he wants to be known as the "peace Assembly," face squarely to the problem.

But in spite of all the moves of the small nations for international control of atomic energy, the Russian disclosures appear to have made no difference in the three-year stalemate between the U.S. and the Soviet Union.

The Assembly will try on Monday to close the general policy statements of delegation leaders.

Bevin To Speak

The last one of big power delegates to speak is Mr. Ernest Bevin of Britain, who is expected to touch on the announcements of the atomic explosion in Russia.

The British and Americans are known to feel that the six-country talks on atomic energy will proceed as though nothing has happened.

Another meeting of the atomic delegates is due for Thursday. These delegates represent the United States, France, Britain, China, the Soviet Union and Canada.—Associated Press.

American Loans To Britain

Washington, September 25. Britain received \$299,000,000 in American loans in the fiscal year, 1949, the Commerce Department announced today.

Gifts to all countries totalled \$5,168,000,000, said the announcement. The figure is double that of 1948, when \$2,693,000,000 was distributed.

The Department also announced that the United States spent \$13,260,000,000 on such activities during the four post-war fiscal years from July 1, 1945 to July 1, 1949.

The European Recovery Programme provided \$3,221,000,000 for participating countries in the past fiscal year, while other grant programmes accounted for an additional \$858,000,000.

In 1949 as in 1948, Germany was the chief beneficiary in outright gifts with \$985,000,000.

Other recipients during the fiscal year: France—\$750,000,000; Italy—\$394,000,000; Greece—\$307,000,000; Austria—\$212,000,000; Netherlands—\$158,000,000; Belgium and Luxembourg—\$142,000,000; Turkey—\$69,000,000; Others—\$158,000,000.—Associated Press.

"Russia Has Upper Hand"

Prague, September 25. The Czechoslovak Army newspaper "Obrana Lidu" declared today that news that Russia has the atom bomb means that "the Soviet Union's camp now has the crushing upper hand" in world power.

The newspaper said that this was not only a warning to the "warmongering West," it should caution Czechoslovak "reaction" which had counted on a victory of the West in a new war.

At the same time, the official Prague Radio, which for two days had censored reports of an atomic explosion in the Soviet Union, broadcast the Tass statement that Russia has had the secret of atomic weapons since 1947.

"Obrana Lidu" said that these reports "change the entire international situation." "This report strengthens the faith of the peaceful world and the anti-imperialist camp in the immense power of the Soviet Union," the paper said.—Associated Press.

MALAYA KILLINGS

Singapore, September 25. Troops of the Suffolk Regiment and police today killed four and captured three wounded members of the Kajang gang Communist terrorists in Malaya.

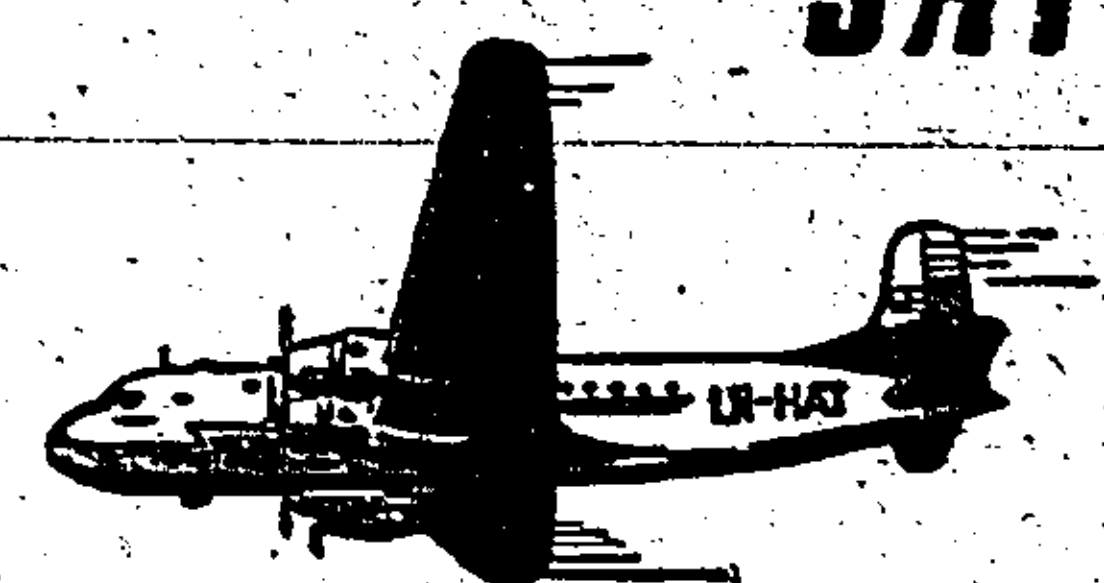
Three Malayan police were killed by terrorists who ambushed a convoy on its way from Kuala Lipis to Mentakab. On Saturday, five police were killed in ambushes near the Siamese border of Kedah State.—Associated Press.

STATUE'S TOUR

Bogota, September 25. A statue to Our Lady of Fatima, which was brought from Portugal, was greeted by a crowd of 40,000 people when it reached here today on a tour of American countries.

The statue will remain in Bogota for 10 days, and will afterwards visit other Colombian cities before being taken on to Ecuador.—Reuter.

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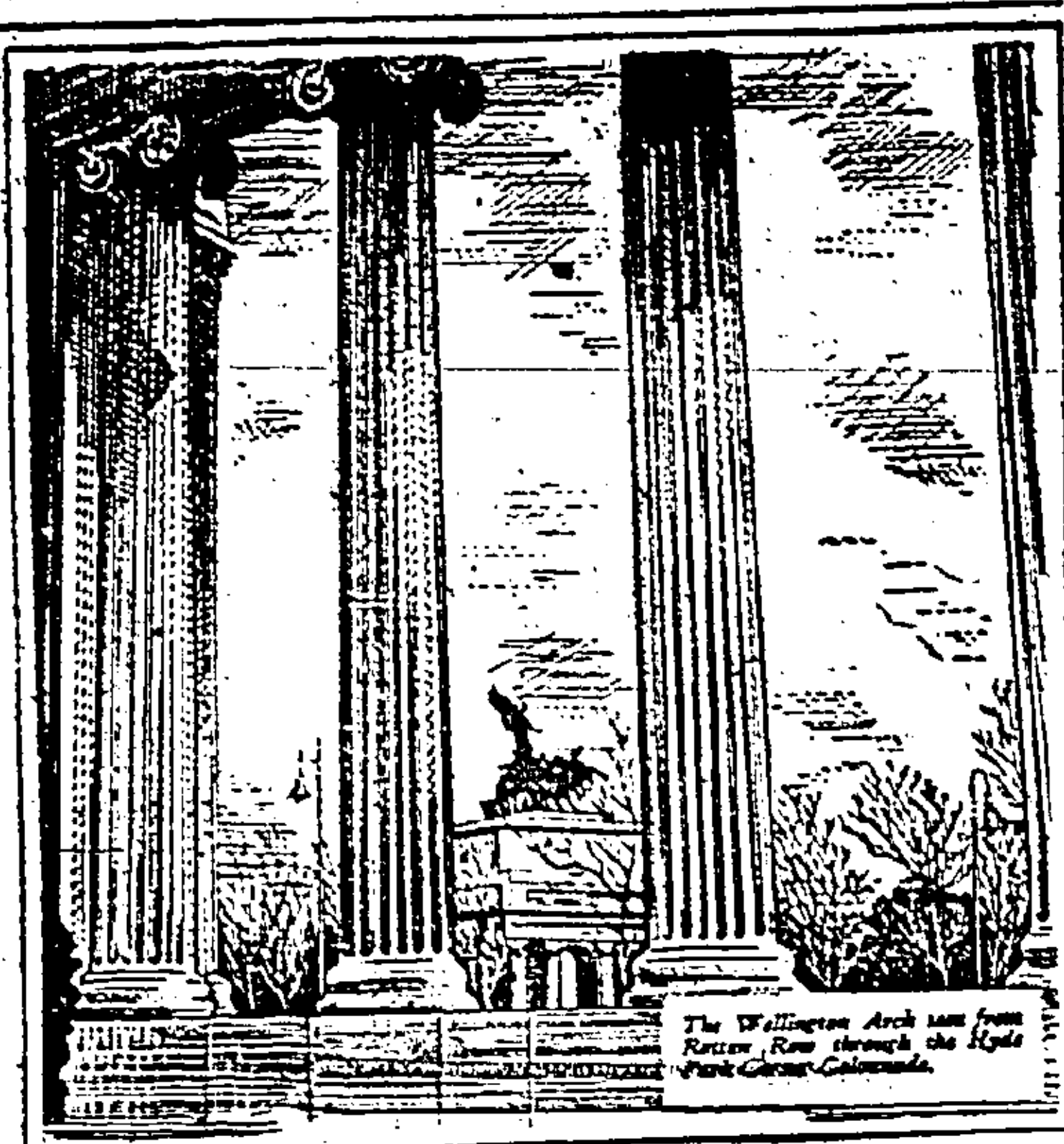


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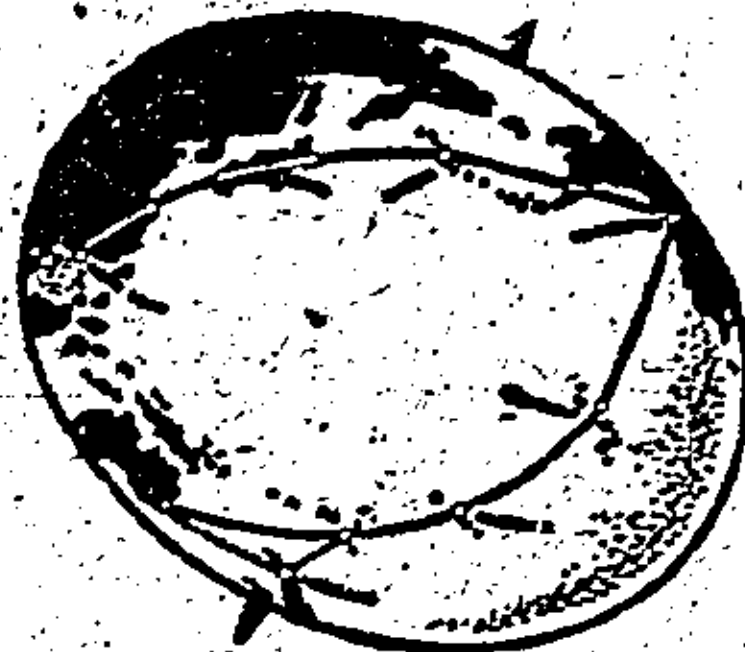
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DE GAULLE SAYS:

ATLANTIC PACT HAS LOST MUCH EFFICACY

Bordeaux, September 25.

General Charles de Gaulle told an open-air meeting in Bordeaux Central Square today that the Atlantic Pact would be good if America had been able to preserve the monopoly of the atomic bomb.

"If the atomic weapon is to be in the hands of both camps, the Pact as now drawn up will lose a great deal of its efficacy for Europe," he stated.

He said "The French people are feeling increasingly apprehensive. Official leaders in the country keep repeating that stability has been acquired and security assured. I say this is not so," he added.

"Everybody knows that the French economy is only bolstered up owing to the temporary imports under the Marshall Plan. The budget is only balanced by inflation. The fresh devaluation imposed from outside in disquieting and irritating conditions. The questions of prices, salaries, housing and reconstruction are more acute than ever.

"The nation must be warned that nothing obliges, nor predisposes the United States to take part on a big scale in the direct and immediate defence of our continent.

"As long as Europe does not constitute a sure and powerful bridgehead do not let us expect that armaments will arrive to disembark their armies," General de Gaulle said.

"We know that England would fight at once if the West were attacked, but we know also that, because of air power, she has strategically ceased to be entirely an island.

"We know she thinks first of her own defence and would not risk the main part of her forces to the continent.

"It is up to the French people to ensure French security. The immediate security of Europe and North Africa is, in the first instance, the responsibility of France."

Germany's Part

Pleading for active military units, equipment and mobility, he said, "As French military power affirms itself, co-operation from others will be more forthcoming and Europe will lift her head and look to us. I believe that the organisation of Europe must come from Europe itself.

"A vast referendum of all free Europeans should be the starting point. France should take the initiative as soon as her public powers really represent the nation and not merely political parties in the process of dying.

"The German people must be included among the peoples of Europe.

"Despite the sadness and anger which the mere mention of Germany arouses in millions of men, the man of common sense sees that the Germans are there in the middle of our continent—numerous, disciplined, dynamic and gifted by nature and by their work with a very great economic potential.

Withdrawal Of England

"He sees them well provided with coal, equipped for large-scale production despite their ruins and dismantling, and capable of rising to great heights in thought, science and art as soon as they ceased to be misled by passion for conquest.

"He sees that, as a result of Soviet domination, Europe is cut off from a very vast and valuable part of herself.

"He sees England withdrawing from Europe, attracted by the trans-Atlantic mass.

"A united Europe must, therefore, if possible and despite everything, incorporate the Germans," General de Gaulle added. "Europe will only be created if a direct agreement between Germans and Gauls can be reached."

General de Gaulle, who has kept out of the political picture in recent months, made it clear that he is still seeking to lead his country once again.

His French People's rally (RPF) is generally thought to have lost considerable strength this spring and summer.

"So that we may resume and carry out our great task of public welfare," he said today, "I ask you as I did once before to rally and help me by every means."

"The day is perhaps not far off—in any case, it will come sooner or later—when your votes will clear the way," Reuter and Associated Press.

Montreal, September 26. Sir Thomas Beecham, famous British conductor, will direct the chorus and orchestra at the Montreal Festival's presentation of Berlioz's "Requiem for the Dead" on November 4.—Associated Press.

WHEN DID RUSSIA GET IT?

Moscow, September 25. Russia evidently mastered the secret of atomic weapons sometime between autumn, 1946, and autumn, 1947.

This is brought out by two statements on the subject by Soviet leaders.

Stalin on October 28, 1946, was asked if the Soviet Union had its own atomic bomb or any weapon like it. His answer was "No".

Then on November 6, 1947, V.M. Molotov said the atomic secret was no longer a secret.

The latest announcement states that the Russians had an atomic weapon as far back as Molotov's speech on November 6, 1947.

On the basis of these statements, the master of it came sometime between Stalin's statement in October, 1946, and Molotov's a year later.—Associated Press.

Communist Backs Wage Claims

Whitehaven, September 26. Mr. Arthur Horner, the Communist General Secretary of the National Union of Mineworkers, claimed here today that in spite of the Labour Government's policy, "reforms in wages and conditions of the mineworkers and their families are an essential prerequisite to the production of coal, which is essential to the nation's economy."

Mr. Horner had been asked at a miners' meeting about the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee's, statement yesterday on the country's position after devaluation, when he said: "A general rise in personal incomes would do grave injury to our economic recovery."

Mr. Horner said: "Coal is more precious to Britain than dollars and Argentine wheat. If we do not get our target this year of 220 million tons, we shall be compelled to draw heavily upon stocks to honour our commitments entered into with foreign countries and this would mean a grave risk."—Reuter.

BULLION FOR UNITED STATES

Washington, September 26. The Orient shipped more than US\$3,000,000,000 worth of gold and silver to the United States in the 12 months ending last June 30.

The U.S. Department of Commerce said US\$2,054,532 worth was gold and US\$1,979,545 was silver.

Gold shipments were US\$1,904,519 from the Philippines, US\$149,815 from Korea and US\$198 from Japan.

Silver shipments were: China, US\$882,206; Hong Kong, \$819,359; Philippines, \$193,635; Korea, \$58,621; British Malaya, \$25,670.—Associated Press.

Need For An Asian Union Emphasised

Manila, September 25. Qualified diplomatic sources today viewed the news that Russia has the atom bomb as emphasizing the need for a speedy formation of a non-Communist union in South East Asia.

They said that if Moscow confirmed possession of the bomb, propagandists in the Philippines and neighbouring countries might be expected to exploit the situation. (An official Tass communiqué from Moscow today said that Russia had the atom bomb since 1947).—Associated Press.

Chifley Warns Australia

Sydney, September 25. The Prime Minister, Mr. Joseph Chifley, today warned of a possible economic depression in Australia and said his Government is planning public works projects to avert unemployment.

In a speech in New South Wales, Mr. Chifley said the Government had mapped a public works programme designed to buttress the people of Australia against economic depression, of which there are several signs overseas.

He added that the Government does not want unemployment in Australia similar to that in the United States, where nearly 4,000,000 persons are out of work.

Devaluation of the Australian Pound presents a challenge to Australian industry and workers, Mr. Chifley declared.

Mr. Chifley said that increased production of better quality goods could be "a valuable contribution to meeting our dollar difficulties." Although devaluation was not an automatic solution to dollar problems it did offer a big chance to export to the dollar area.

"It is in our hands to seize that chance," he declared.—United Press and Reuter.

PAKISTAN'S RICE NEED

Karachi, September 25. Pakistan will press for more rice allocations from Burma at the forthcoming regional preparatory meeting in Singapore of the Food and Agricultural Organisation, it was learnt officially in Karachi today.

The East Bengal province of Pakistan is deficient in rice, its main food, and a considerable shortage of food is feared in that area.

Hafiz Mohamed Ishaque, Joint Secretary to the Food Ministry, who is leading the Pakistan delegation, left this morning for Singapore.—Associated Press.

Moscow's Air Of Confidence

Moscow, September 25. Soviet possession of the atomic weapon is the main topic of conversation here today and the main reaction among Russians who read the official Tass announcement is one of sober confidence.

Many linked the disclosure that Russia had the bomb, with the speech in the United Nations General Assembly on Friday by M. Andrei Vyshinsky, the Soviet Foreign Minister, and said that it emphasised even more strongly the need for a five-power pact to safeguard peace which he proposed.

A view that some expressed was that it should help to bring the American atomic militarist hysterics to the senses.

One Russian woman said that she was not surprised at the announcement in view of the hints "bombed" said a salesman at a tobacco stand. "Did you just find out about it?"

Russian Belief

One widely expressed view was the increased confidence that the Soviet Union, "in conjunction with other peace-loving nations," would be able to carry out its peace policy, "undeterred by threats from trans-oceanic atomists."

The Russians believe the militarists control United States policy "hand-in-glove with Wall Street," and that these forces are intent on destroying the Soviet Union.

"According to these Russians, the announcement that the Soviet Union has the atom bomb will help to check these war-mongering forces, and make them think twice."

Of course, "we've got atom bombs," said a salesman at a tobacco stand. "Did you just find out about it?"

No Surprise

"It is big news," said a factory worker.

"Who has ever doubted the Soviet Union had the atom secret?" asked a taxi driver, "But it's good to have it explained so completely."

"What Molotov said in 1947 was clear enough," said a railway worker. "All Russians understood that he meant our Government possessed atomic weapons at that time. This announcement is no surprise."

"Said a mechanic: 'The announcement makes it clear that our scientists have kept up with or excelled the Americans.'"

Reuter and Associated Press.

Digesting The News



"Well," says Jan Gerrit Kliffman, former Dutch circus hand, "I like them, preferably with a little brown sugar," and he tucks into another morsel from the 16 newspapers he eats every day. Daily papers just off the press are a rare treat, and go down very well with his 10 ounces of sugar and one pound of pears. The two piles make up his weekly ration. Kliffman, who is 50, is pictured in Amsterdam.—AP Photo.

WESTERN EUROPE AT MERCY OF RUSSIANS

Chicago, September 25.

Western Europe is at the mercy of Russia, Dr. Harold C. Urey, Nobel Prize winner and discoverer of heavy water, used in atomic research, said yesterday.

"If peace is preserved it will not be because we can prevent Western Europe from being attacked," he added.

Other scientists here also contend that Russia's development of atomic energy meant that the United States could no longer prevent Western Europe from being attacked.

The scientists also agreed that if the United States and Russia ultimately engage in atomic warfare it would be at least a 10-year military struggle, requiring occupation as a final step.

All active in atomic research from the start, the scientists expressed their views at a news conference on Russia's reported development of atomic energy.

"It makes very little difference if the reported explosion in Russia was caused by a bomb or the blow up of an atomic pile," Dr. Leo Szilard said.

Abreast Of U. S.

Hungarian-born pioneer in atomic research and now Professor of Biology at the University of Chicago, Dr. Szilard added:

"If the Russians are at the atomic pile stage the manufacture of atomic bombs will follow shortly.

"But I do not think that the Russians would let a pile blow up if they had the scientific and technological brains to build one."

The conference also brought out these points:

(1) Russia is at least abreast of the United States in the development of long-range rockets—potential carriers of atomic warheads.

No Defence

(2) Bacteriological warfare is not in the same class with atomic warfare. A nation needs air superiority to start bacteriological warfare, the materials are difficult to sort, and there is a danger that the diseases would get back to the attacking nation.

(3) Russia's hand has now been vastly strengthened in any future discussions on international control of atomic energy.

One point made by Dr. Urey was that he sees no defence against the atom bomb within 50 years other than political organisation.—Reuter.

Search For Squatting Volunteers

Paris, September 25.

Supporters of "World Citizen No. 1," Garry Davis, are said to be recruiting volunteers to continue the chain-squatting tactics begun by Davis to protest against the arrest of a conscientious objector.

Meanwhile, nobody will say where Davis is. Last reports of him said that he had been arrested for the fifth time in four days outside the Cherche Midi Prison, his place of vigil last night.

After his arrest, three supporters took it in turn to squat at the prison gate between 10.30 p.m. to midnight.

A police van ran a shuttle service from the prison's main gate to the police station as each squatter was succeeded by another. At midnight the supply of squatters ran out.

The police imposed a total news black-out on Davis' whereabouts today. His secretary said: "We are not worried about Garry or where he may be as long as we know that he is inside."

People seeking information about Davis at the district police station were referred to police headquarters, but headquarters told callers: "There is no one here."

The French conscientious objector, Jean Moreau, whom Davis is supporting, is now in prison awaiting trial, which is expected to be held next month.—Reuter.

NOT AFRAID OF WAR IN EUROPE

New York, September 25.

The Netherlands Foreign Minister Dirk Stikker, left New York by air today for Amsterdam. He told reporters at the airport: "I am not afraid of any war in Europe in the near future."

Dr. Stikker said that he considered the most dangerous Communist situation to be in the Far East, particularly China.—Associated Press.

BRITAIN MAKES AN ATOM DEAL

London, September 25. The Sunday paper "Empire News" reported today that Britain has concluded a secret agreement for Portugal's entire output of "a vital radioactive by-product" that is "no secret it doesn't have an official name."

Under the headline "Britain makes atom deal, gets world lead," the "Empire News" said this unnamed substance is a by-product of the Portuguese tin mines.

"This substance becomes of immense value now that Downing Street and Washington have announced Russia's advance in atomic science," it continued.

"World-wide tests have shown that the substance, which is so secret that it has not even been given an official name, can be produced only from the Portuguese tin mines."

There was no official comment on the report.

The "Empire News" said negotiations with Portugal lasted four months and that Dr. Antonio Salazar, Portuguese Premier, played an important part in them.

Of London's 11 Sunday newspapers, the "Empire News" and eight others devoted the major part of their front pages to news on atomic bombs.—United Press.

WAR THE REAL CAUSE OF FEAR

Sydney, September 25.

The retiring President of the United Nations, Dr. H. V. Evatt, Minister of External Affairs and Deputy Premier of Australia, said today that war rather than the atom bomb is the real cause for fear.

Commenting on President Truman's announcement of an atomic explosion in Russia, Dr. Evatt added: "The enemy that must be fought is not the particular weapon but war itself."

"There are rules of justice which should be used to prevent war. The United Nations stands for peace and for a system by which peace can be obtained."

"My faith in the United Nations is firm and unwavering. As Mr. Truman has stated, the U.N.O. is the chief bulwark of the people of the world against war."—Associated Press.

AMETHYST IN COLOMBO

Colombo, September 25.

Gleaming with new paint and with "marks of her battle scars" removed, the British sloop Amethyst steamed quietly into Colombo harbour at dawn today.

Today HMS Mauritius entertained the officers of Amethyst to lunch, while the Ceylon Navy is entertaining the entire ship's company tonight.

The Prime Minister, D. S. Senanayake, will visit Amethyst on Monday.—Associated Press.

Moscow, September 25. The United States Ambassador, Admiral Alan G. Kirk, left here by train for Stalingrad last night. He is expected to return next Wednesday.—Reuter.



German Brains Helped Russia Get Atom Bomb

SECRET TALKS ON THE BOMB

London, September 25. A top secret American-British-Canadian meeting to increase atomic stockpiles through new methods of finding and extracting uranium will be held at an undisclosed rendezvous in England this week.

Ministry of Supply officials handling arrangements here said the date and location of the sessions will not be revealed, in accordance with agreements with Washington and Ottawa.

London Sunday newspapers said some 30 experts will be taken to the meeting place daily by car.

Although London papers termed the conference "the most hush-hush since the war," Ministry officials said that extraordinary precautions, other than secrecy of place and time, will not be taken.

Washington reports, however, indicated that the experts will exchange ideas on new techniques of prospecting for uranium ore and extracting metal from it.

The meeting had been arranged before the announcement of the atomic explosion in Russia.

London observers expect, however, that the news from the Soviet Union will spur the United Nations to increase sharing of information and to early approval of stockpiling bombs in Britain.—United Press.

U.S. SHIP IN NORTH KOREA

Seoul, September 25. The North Korean Communist Radio reported that the 1,897-ton American-owned freighter, Kimball R. Smith, en route to the South Korean port of Kunsan, entered the North Korean port of Nampo today.

The Radio added that two Americans are among the crew of South Koreans. Earlier, unconfirmed reports said that the Kimball R. Smith had been captured by Communist members of the crew.

The ship is leased to the South Korean Government by the Economic Co-operation Administration.—Reuter.

Frankfurt, September 25. German brains, equipment and uranium ore helped Russia to break the secret of the atom bomb.

"Without the help of German scientists," a high American officer said today, "Russia could never have developed an atomic weapon so soon."

More than 200 German experts are reported here to have worked in the Soviet Union since 1945.

In Germany, tens of thousands of unwilling German workers have been forced and are still being forced into pitchblende mines in the Soviet Zone.

Every ounce of the vital source of uranium is flown to Russia. German scientists started work on an atomic pile before the war ended. Hitler, however, was not impressed. He wanted something that would win the war quickly.

But the Russians were not slow in picking up German atomic research at the point where the Allied victory brought it to an end.

In Eastern Germany there were waiting for the Russians. According to reports, they had already packed German equipment used in nuclear research and when the Russians came they left immediately for Moscow.

Three Experts

Other German nuclear physicists needed urgently. They were offered high pay and good homes. Some who would not be wooed were forcibly "recruited."

In Western Germany, the Americans were similarly inviting German rocket specialists to go to the United States to work on improvement of the V-1 and the V-2.

In 1947, Dr. Werner Heisenberg, one of Germany's foremost atomic scientists, said that three of his closest friends were in Russia.

They were Professor Gustav Hertz, who built Germany's cyclotron for smashing the atom and is an authority on the separation of U-235 from uranium, Dr. Robert Doepel, a prominent Leipzig physicist, and Dr. Ludwig Bevilacqua, who worked with Dr. Heisenberg on developing Germany's atomic pile.

Dr. Hertz was reported today to be working in a Russian Government institute in the Crimea.

A former colleague of his, Professor W. Fuchs of Aachen, told the Associated Press:

"According to his letters, he is satisfied and happy. He lives in a private house, has a car and servants. He never writes about his work, but I suppose he co-operated in the construction of the Soviet atom bomb."

Forced Work

Russian mining of pitchblende from the mines of the Erz mountains in Saxony first started in 1945. Several thousand Russian and German engineers investigated the area, placed it under police guard and began work in full force early in 1947.

Thousands of workers were recruited by the Soviet authorities to work in the mines. The forced work continues. Every month new trainloads of workers leave Eastern zone cities for the mining area.

The workers live in prison-type barracks, work 10 hours a day and are not allowed to leave the restricted area. Occasionally some escape to tell that plane-loads of the precious pitchblende leave daily for the Soviet Union.

The full extent to which German scientists have helped the Russians cannot be known. The Nobel Prize winner, Professor Max von Laue, atom physicist at Goettingen University, said: "I have a pair of binoculars with which I can pierce the iron curtain—but I cannot see the answer to that."—Associated Press.

BUS TRAGEDY

Brno, Czechoslovakia, September 25. Forty-two are reported to have been killed in a bus which was said to have crashed over a steep hillside near here last night.

According to the reports, which are unconfirmed, there were 70 passengers in the bus, which rolled to the foot of the hill.—Reuter.

EUROPE RINGED BY RED ROCKET BASES

Frankfurt, September 25.

Russia has virtually ringed Western Europe with super-secret V-2 rocket-launching bases, Allied and German sources said tonight. The V-weapon bases are aimed at strategic points in Western Europe, from the English Channel to the Adriatic.

The report, coupled with Russia's newly-disclosed atomic knowledge, raises the possibility of missiles with atomic warheads blanketing Western Europe in the event of an East-West war.

Anglo-American intelligence sources said they had confirmed reports, brought out of Russia recently by an escaping German expert, that the Soviets are building an elaborate network of V-2 launchers around the perimeter of Western Europe.

Evidence indicated that the bomb sites are supported with the radar installations necessary to keep guide missiles on their course.

A German expert, who was shipped to Russia with other German technicians in 1946, recently escaped to the West. He said that when he left Russia five single-battery bases had been completed in Eastern Germany and Czechoslovakia and three more bases were being constructed.

The expert, identified as a former scientist at the German V-2 Bleicherode works in Thuringia, said he was forced to serve three years on Russian scientific projects, including the "Soviet Central Institute for V-bomb Development" in Moscow.

He escaped when sent to East Germany in July for a holiday, with orders to report later at the former German experimental station at Peenemuende.

He added that the Russians had re-activated the laboratory there which was blasted by bombs during the war.

"I had opportunities to look into certain files which reported on strategic planning of V-2 bomb bases in East Germany," he said.

According to his Russian overseers, he continued, several Soviet commissions were working on projects to bring launching sites into action on a few minutes' notice.

"Plans for both fixed and mobile bases have been worked out in detail and stationary bases of one and three batteries have been installed all over East Europe," he reported.

"Each is already supplied with ballistic computations and firing orders to a fixed target area in Western Europe."

Locations of finished bases were listed as follows:

1. Between Neustadt and Paderborn in the state of Mecklenburg in Germany—aimed at Southern Sweden.
2. Between Anklam and Wolgast—also aimed at Southern Sweden.
3. South of Erfurt in Thuringia—aimed at the Rhine River crossings and bridgeheads near Cologne and Düsseldorf and the Scheidt River estuary.

4. Near Guben in Silesia—aimed at the Northern part of the island of Rugen, which a Soviet-occupied, to repel any attempt to invade it.

5. East of Pilsen in Czechoslovakia—aimed at the Brenner Pass between Italy and Austria.

The expert said these multiple-battery rocket-launching sites were being built with a 25-mile radius of Stettin in Poland; to cover the German bay island of Sylt and the Dutch coast.

Three others, he added, were being erected near Hradec Králové in Czechoslovakia, aimed at the Balkan countries and the Adriatic coast.—United Press.

Kashmir Commission Explains

New Delhi, September 25.

The United Nations Kashmir Commission today explained that its assurance to the Indian Government that there would be large-scale disbanding and dismantling of Azad Kashmir forces was given in relation to the final disposition of all forces which would take place when the establishment of the conditions for a plebiscite in Jammu and Kashmir would be discussed.

In a statement on the eve of its departure for Geneva to prepare its report to the Security Council on the Kashmir dispute, the Commission maintained that its assurance given in December last year did not affect the truce period when, as envisaged by its resolution of August 13 last year, Pakistan forces and the bulk of the Indian forces would begin to be withdrawn.

The Commission's statement followed the release two days ago of its correspondence with India and Pakistan on its recent abortive proposition suggesting arbitration to resolve the Indo-Pakistan differences over the implementation of the truce.

This correspondence made clear India's view that the Commission's assurance did not admit of a postponement of the disbanding and dismantling of the Azad Kashmir forces until the bulk of the Indian forces were withdrawn for otherwise, with over 32 battalions of these Azad forces intact, "the security of the State would be in great jeopardy and the holding of a free and impartial plebiscite would be impossible."—Reuter.

URANIUM FIND IN PYRENEES

Madrid, Spain, September 25. Generalissimo Francisco Franco's mining experts are reported to have found in the Pyrenees new sources of uranium, the stuff from which atom bombs are made. Spain is already the holder of the world's fourth largest uranium deposits.

Diplomatic sources said that uranium, more than anything else, might influence the Atlantic powers to change their attitude toward Spain.—Associated Press.

RUSSIAN ESPIONAGE IN U.S.

Washington, September 25. Two members of the Congress said today that lax controls and a soft attitude toward Communism opened the way to Communist infiltration and helped Soviet Russia to make the atom bomb.

Senator Herbert O'Connor, Democrat, said the door of the United States is wide open for Communist infiltration and urged a five-point programme to slam it shut.

Representative Harold Velde (Republican) said Russia undoubtedly gained three to five years in producing the atomic bomb because of the soft official attitude toward Communism during the last 15 years from the White House down.

Both of them protested that alien Communist agents are operating in the United States despite official knowledge of their subversive activities.

Representative Velde, former FBI agent and member of the House committee on un-American activities, estimated that there were at least 150 American Communists and Soviet agents at one time who engaged in a Russian attempt to obtain atomic secrets in the United States.

He said, "The weakness and laxity of the executive branch of the Government permitted the escape of a number of these Soviet agents from the United States carrying information on the atomic bomb and other scientific developments. Even more disturbing is the fact that Soviet espionage agents are still highly active in the continental United States."

Velde denounced and denied a statement by the Attorney-General, Howard McGrath, last week that some cases cannot be prosecuted because it would require the Government to disclose top-secret information.

He said: "The failure to safeguard the atomic secrets proves conclusively that we should re-assess our whole security programme and throw out of office those incompetent men who regard their political lives as more important than our national security."

Senator O'Connor, in a radio interview, said that immigration laws should be tightened to shut off Communist infiltration.

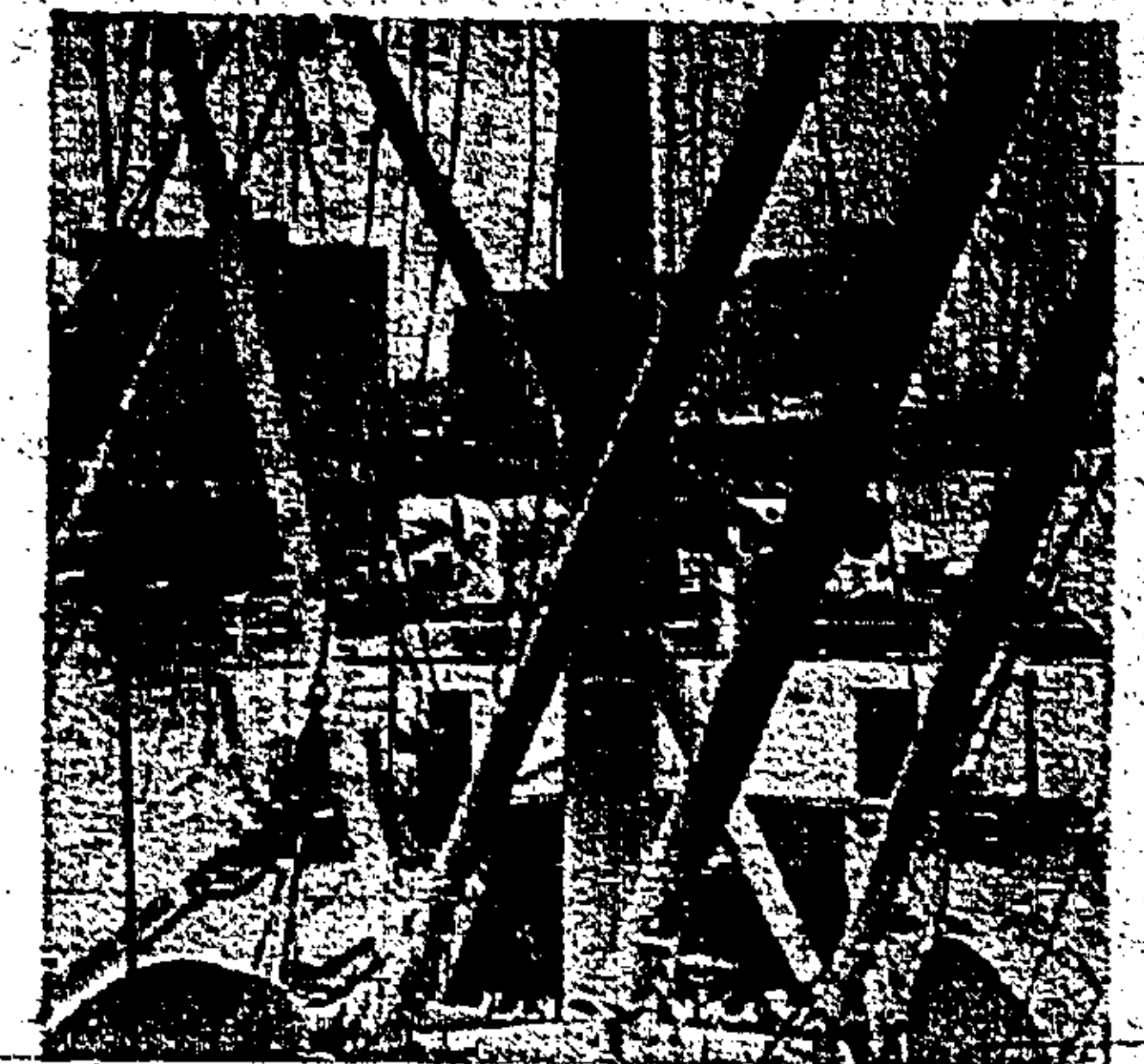
The Senate Immigration Subcommittee, of which he is acting chairman, has evidence that hundreds of Communist agents have been allowed to enter the United States as diplomats or members of international organizations despite advance knowledge of their previous subversive activities.

They are not rank and file Communists, he said, but brains and guiding force of subversive activity in this country—generals of the Communist fifth column.—United Press.

VIENNA BLAZE

Vienna, September 25. Fire swept through a third of a square mile of Vienna today when flames spread from an outbreak at the municipal omnibus garage near the Reichs Bridge spanning the Danube.

Seven large blocks of buildings, wooden buildings of the Siemens-Schuckert Works and nearly 10,000 cubic feet of timber blazed as firemen battled to stop the fire from spreading.—Reuter.



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Everything Free In A Castle In Spain

It was my wife's birthday. The fiesta had just begun. A brass band, led by a disgruntled officer, marched around the streets playing a rumba. Bells were ringing and young ladies with black veils loosely draped over their heads walked towards their churches.

Soldiers in long coats, that hung like dressing-gowns about their ankles, stood in dramatic poses on every street corner. In their expensive uniforms and heavy German boots they looked important and self-satisfied.

Around them clustered the rest of the population, men in utility suits and girls in printed frocks, talking to them with the close attention of the servant to its master.

It was like being in a country still at war. Then suddenly a group of young men and women came dancing and singing across the cobbles. Others joined them in a spontaneous outbreak of gaiety. Even the soldiers relaxed, and a peanut vendor, who had been doing a good business up till then, proudly rolled his barrow out of the way.

Soon the whole square was a living pattern of movement and colour. The music of accordions floated out of the shuttered windows with the small bell-hop, complete with brass buttons and pill-box cap.

Others trotted by its side, gazing steadily through large brown eyes, silently begging for the peseta, that they were forbidden by law to demand.

When we asked, in halting phrase-book terms, for an hotel, they shouted "This way, this way," and pushed a way through the crowd for us to follow.

We drove carefully up the narrow winding pavements, through arches built of yellow stone, and over drawbridges designed for other traffic, until we came to a quiet and sandy expanse of rock upon which stood an ancient castle. Its walls were red and grey with dust. Its high square tower was pock-marked and crumbling.

A garden of tropical flowers struggled for life along the ramparts. But a modern glass door had been built in the medieval archway, and on the rough mat outside stood a small bell-hop, complete with brass buttons and pill-box cap.

The bell-hop came jumping down the steps, pulled open the door of the car and bowed deeply. No one said a word.

A tall, sad-looking man with the distinguished face of an aristocrat, and the clothes of an Englishman, greeted us gravely. "This way, Your Excellency," he said.

"Your Excellency? How very polite the Spaniards appeared to be, or perhaps they realised the value of flattery?"

He led us down a corridor hacked through the outer walls to a small prison-like room which contained two iron beds standing side by side, a wicker armchair, a plain deal table, a cheap

cupboard, and a telephone.

"The bathroom, however, was magnificent."

"I hope Your Excellency will find this to your satisfaction."

The sad manager bowed and left us.

We had been driving all day across a sandy plain in a temperature of 85 degrees in the shade. Dust storms had blown across the road in red clouds. The sand got into our hair, our ears and the corners of our eyes.

I went into the bathroom and turned on the bath tap. Nothing happened. I turned on the shower tap. Again nothing happened. I turned on the basin tap. It came off in my hands. Desperately I went to the house telephone to call for help. It did not even purr. And then, in one horrible moment of realisation, I saw that nothing was connected.

With true Spanish reasoning the management had put in all these gadgets to please the tourist, and make him feel at home, but it never occurred to them that anybody should want to use them.

"The manager was very upset to hear our complaint."

"It will be remedied immediately, Your Excellency." He hurried away and gave angry orders. Presently a procession of young and giggling maids came along to the bathroom, carrying watering-cans, full of boiling water.

Three Waiters

At dinner we had three waiters to ourselves, and the manager came to our table at the end of the meal and asked us whether we had enjoyed it.

We went to bed early. We had another long day of driving ahead of us, and wanted to be fresh in the morning.

We left at 10. When I asked for the bill, the manager held up his hands and said: "Oh, no, Your Excellency. There is nothing to pay, nothing at all."

I was so surprised I did not know what to say. In the end I got into the car and drove away. I gave the head porter and the bell-hop a large tip. It seemed the least I could do.

When we were 100 miles away, I said to my wife: "I wonder who they thought we were?"

"The British Ambassador?" "We haven't got one here."

"Well, look in on the way back and find out."

Atom War Might Only Last Days

(Editor's Note: Scientists often have speculated on the dreadful fate that awaits the world on the day two nations go to war armed with atomic bombs. In the following despatch the United Press science writer tells some of the fears scientists have held ever since the United States dropped the first atomic bomb on Japan.)

New York, September 25.

An atomic war might last only a matter of days, perhaps less.

In that short time the nation which struck first might well knock out most of the other's industrial areas, killing and maiming persons not by the thousands but by millions.

Cities in the defeated land might not be safe for human habitation for a long period.

Those are some of the fears atom bomb scientists have. There are other who fear even that the world would be destroyed.

Because medical science has not yet learned how to treat radiation sickness, a sickness brought on by the terrific heat of

the atomic energy released when the bomb goes off—casualty tolls would be catastrophic. There might not be enough doctors and nurses left for the injured.

Atomic scientists, silenced by strict security regulations, have been reluctant to discuss how many atom bombs it would take to "knock out" the United States or Russia.

However, some who have not been connected with the atom bomb projects have stated: It would take at least 20 bombs of the power that the United States used on Japan to paralyse a large segment of America's war industries.

No Shelters

The United States' first two bombs, the one that obliterated Hiroshima and the other that levelled Nagasaki, cost about \$2,000,000,000. The cost of atom bombs does not run so high for the United States now because the costly ground work has been completed. Nowadays it is only a matter of production and improving the quality of the bombs.

As far as knocking out Russia with atom bombs, it might take more than the number needed to lay the United States prostrate. Little is known of Russia's war making industries since the end of the war.

Targets in the United States might well be Washington, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Chicago, St. Louis, Los Angeles and Detroit.

Today there is not a single atomic bomb shelter in this country insofar as it is known.—United Press.

RUSSIANS PUTTING UP BLUFF

Chicago, September 25.

The atomic pioneer, Dr. Harold Urey, said today that Russia's announcement that it had atomic bomb secrets in 1947 was "a bluff—a date pulled from the hat."

The Nobel prize winner, who helped to develop the United States atom bomb, said he distrusted any statement coming from Russia, but believed the United States' announcement of an atomic explosion in Russia.

Russia cannot set a date for discovering the "secret" of the bomb, he said, and added, "The United States does not know when it had the secret. We just continued over a four year span to learn about the atom bomb."

However, Dr. Samuel Allison, Director of the Nuclear Studies at the University of Chicago, said that scientists never doubted that Russia had the bomb secret in "1947 or even in 1945."

He added: "It takes four years from finding the secret to developing the bomb and if Russia had the secret in 1947 and exploded the bomb in recent weeks then Russia apparently moved faster than the United States."

Dr. Urey and Dr. Allison with two other University of Chicago scientists on Saturday predicted that any future atom war would last at least 10 years and wipe out all major cities involved. Dr. Urey said that Russia eventually may be able to make a better bomb than the United States.—United Press.

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Britain To Start Making Atomic Bombs

London, September 25.

Chapman Pincher of the "Daily Express," who yesterday revealed an alleged description and diagram of the atom bomb, today wrote:

"Britain will soon be making atomic bombs. Production is likely to be on a scale outstripping the Russian output for several years."

He based his forecast on the fact that the £7,000,000 atom plant in West England is about to start large-scale production of plutonium.—United Press.

HONDURAS WANTS TO STAY BRITISH

London, September 25.

The Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, has written to the Governor of British Honduras expressing warmest appreciation of a resolution by the colony's Legislative Council proclaiming the unalterable determination of the people to remain British.

The British Government, he said in the despatch made public here today, remain willing to submit Guatemala's legal claim on the colony to the International Court but, in the absence of a decision by the Court against Britain, she would not countenance any change in the status of the colony or part of it.—Reuter.

RUSSIA RELYING ON COPIES OF U.S. B29

Washington, September 25.

If Russia should make an atomic attack in the near future, which U. S. strategists consider wholly unlikely, she would probably use a copy of the American B-29 Superfortress.

So far as is generally known, the Soviet Air Force has not developed any other long range heavy bomber although it is reported to be far outproducing the United States in total warplanes.

Designated the TU-70, the copy's performance has not been disclosed, but is presumed at least to match the B-29's range of 4,600 miles or more.

Russia is understood to have increased fuel capacity and thus made up for the lower efficiency of her copied engines.

The Soviet has been developing jet bombers but based on experience in America, they are not likely to have achieved the range needed for an attack on the continent.

Russian plane builders are reported to have made as many jet fighters last year as America built of all military types.

Three Times More
Their total production of warplanes was reported at more than three times that of the United States in numbers, but indications are that they produced smaller planes on an average.

The Soviet warplane programme last year is reported to have included more than 4,000 fighters and 2,500 bombers and attack

planes with a total airframe weight of nearly 70,000,000 pounds. America has not approached those figures since the war.

The indicated U.S. Air Force production programme for the present fiscal year, which runs until next June 30, is about 800 fighter planes and a similar number of trainers and transports.

Jet Bomber

The Navy air programme as it stands would provide only half as many new planes as for the Air Force.

The Air Force programme aims at a force of about 250 B-36 bombers, rated the world's highest flying and longest range offensive weapon. Fewer than 100 have been built.

About 2,000 B-29s are available and the faster, longer range B-50 is in production. A six-engine 600 miles an hour jet bomber, the Boeing B-47, is going into production.

All of those planes can carry the atom bomb.—Associated Press.

Atomic Reactors In America

Boise, Idaho, September 25.

The Atomic Energy Commission expects to have the first of three atomic reactors completed and operating in the Arco (Idaho) area within 18 months, the Idaho manager, Leonard Johnston, said in a speech to Idaho Engineers today.

The AEC operations executive said the first would be an experimental breeder reactor which, he said, would constitute probably the most significant forward step in the development of atomic energy since the first nuclear reactor was made to operate on December 2, 1942.

Mr. Johnston reported that in the first year about US\$6,000,000 worth of construction would be started in the Arco area.

He said the second reactor would be a US\$20,000,000 materials-testing reactor.

The third will be the prototype for a ship-propelling power plant.—United Press.

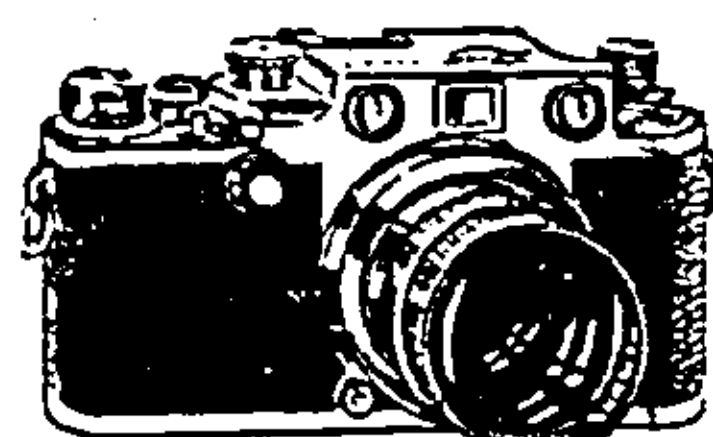
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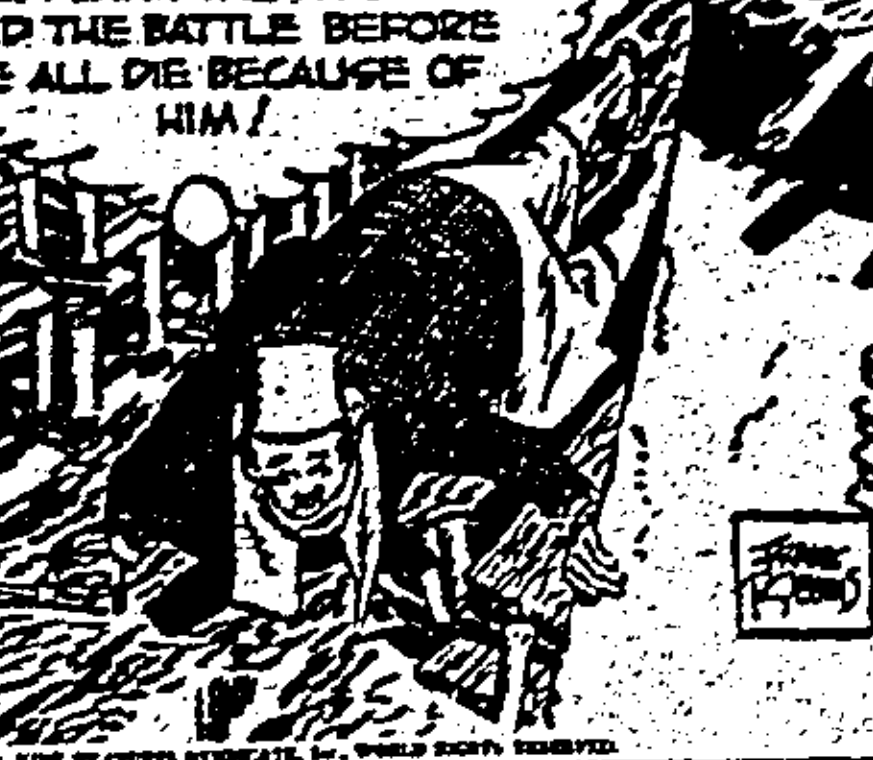
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ELECTIONS MAY BE FORCED ON ATTLEE

London, September 25.

Jet Airlines By 1952

Sydney, September 25. Jet airlines will be flying on Australian air routes by 1952, the Chairman of the National Airlines Commission, Mr. A. W. Cole, said tonight.

Mr. Cole, who returned from a visit to England this week, said that the "Viscount" turbo-prop aircraft is the type of aircraft the Australian Commission will consider buying.—Reuter.

RADIO

This is Radio Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles per second and on 9.52 megacycles per second in the 31 metre band.

H.K.T. P.M.

12.15—Religious Talk.	12.30—"Hong Kong Calling"—Daily Programme Summary.
12.35—"Light Varieties with the Joe Venuti (Vocal) and His Orchestra. Vocal: Joe Venuti and His Orchestra.	1.00—"Mantovani and His Orchestra.
1.15—"News, Weather Report and Announcements."	1.25—"Interlude."
1.30—"From the Shows."	2.00—"Close Down."
6.00—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary.	6.02—"Great Citizens: Elizabeth Fry—By Hon. Sir Wyatt. (A BBC Broadcast for Schools) (BBCS).
6.20—"The Melodious Orchestra."	6.25—"Cantata by Radio. Given by Miss Lee Wai Lan and S.K. Lee (Studio).
6.30—"The Three Sons"—Instrumental. Trio.	7.00—"American Letter by Allister Cooke (London Relay).
7.15—"New Concert Orchestra."	7.30—"Down Memory Lane"—Presented by Allister Cooke (Studio).
8.00—"World News and News Analysis (London Relay).	8.15—"The Green Fox Deth Caper"—By Jonathan Stry (Studio).
8.30—"The Blue Danube"—The Story of the Strauss Family and their Contemporaries. A Cavalcade of Music of 19th Century Europe, Part 2.	8.50—"From the Editorials"—(London Relay).
9.10—"Weather Report."	9.15—"Twenty Questions" (Studio).
9.40—"London Radio Melodians"—A Programme of Continuous Music by Mantovani and His Orchestra (BBCS).	10.10—"Songs of Ireland. A Selection of Favorite Melodians Sung by Henrietta Byrne, George Byrne and the Ormiston Choir (BBCS).
10.15—"Chanson Française."	10.40—"Radio News Round (London Relay).
11.15—"Weather Report and Summary of News."	11.20—"Close Down."

Britain's Socialist rulers may soon be forced, largely by their own supporters, into a general election they fear and do not want. Mr. Winston Churchill's Conservatives, backed by an organisation in which they have invested £1,000,000 in the last three years, have already ordered their first election leaflets.

The Government, however, has been mapping its legislative programme for the last two years on a plan to finish its full five-year term and call the election next spring.

The Labour Party machine, somewhat run down, is still not thoroughly oiled up for a better election which the Party's best political strategist, Mr. Herbert Morrison, publicly admits will be "the fight of our lives".

Rumours have mushroomed in the past week—since the Government drastically slashed the value of the pound—until an election may be in the immediate offing.

A Government figure, who has the confidence of the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, even expressed a private opinion that there is an even chance of an election before Christmas.

The Conservative "Sun Express" asserted that the Cabinet is making tentative plans for a vote in the first half of November.

Indications are, however, that Mr. Attlee has not decided on the date yet—and will not until after several critical points have been cleared this week. He is believed to be still planning in general terms to call the vote in the spring for several reasons.

Workers Restive

For one, the Government could complete its legislative programme which includes the State ownership of the iron and steel industry, last of the measures on which it won a landslide triumph in 1945.

For another, there is the prospect of more food—the springtime flow of milk and eggs—to make the voters happier with their lot in Britain's austere struggle.

But many union workmen, backbones of the Party's voting power, are already restive at the rising prices and a check on pay. They will probably be even more restive as prices climb in the wake of devaluation.

A potent reason for a quick election is to get it over before the full blows of price increases are felt.

Not only the men, but finally their leaders are becoming doubtful of the Government.

Commons Vote

The Commons Executive Council of the Trade Union Congress, leader of 8,000,000 workers, has withheld approval of devaluation and meets Sir Stafford Cripps on Monday for talks that may decide whether they will continue full endorsement of Cabinet wage freeze policies.

The Government is also staking its life on a confidence motion in an emergency session of parliament this week. The Labour Party has a 60 per cent majority in the House of Commons, but many left wing Labour members are dissatisfied, believing the Government is pinching the workers' loaves and fishes.

The Labour Party executive has called a session this week to weigh the pros and cons of a snap election.

Political observers believe they may advise Mr. Attlee—a member of the executive—to go to the polls quickly before the rising prices raise still more disquiet among Socialist followers.—Associated Press.

Football Team Parachutes From Burning Plane

Kokura, Kyushu, September 26. Twenty-one members of a United States Air Force football team parachuted safely from a burning transport plane near here today while en route home from a week-end victory in Tokyo.

Eleven other crewmen and members of the Itazuke Air Force base football squad stayed with the plane after the fire in the left engine was extinguished. Colonel W. M. Munro of Oakland, California, who is Chief of Staff of the 315th Air Division, piloted the C-47 transport to a safe landing at Ashiya air base, Kyushu.

The incident produced no serious injuries for the Itazuke team which was returning from a 14-6 victory over the Far East Air Material Command in a Saturday game at Fuchu, near Tokyo.—United Press.

PRIX DE VERMEILLE RESULTS

Paris, September 25. Madame Forget's Bagheera, a three-year-old filly, won the Prix de Vermeille at Longchamps today.

Bagheera, winner of the classic Grand Prix de Paris and of the Prix de Diane (French Oaks) is an entry in the biggest international event of the year, the 25-000,000 Franc Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, to be run on October 9.

French jockey C. Bouillon rode the winner.

Vola was second a length and a half behind the winner. Tagala was third in a field of 11. Princess Aly Khan's Double Rose was fifth. Another Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe entry, the Belgian filly Frinette, was far in the rear.

M. Victor Thomas' Good Luck, winner of the French Derby (Prix du Jockey Club) this year also ran for the first time this Autumn before the Arc de Triomphe. He was fourth in a 2,400 metres race (Prix Price d'Orange) won by another three year old, Oghin, owned by the Count of Fels.—Associated Press.

Rediffusion

R.F.T.

A.M.

7.00—Up with the Sun.

7.15—Setting up Exercises.

7.30—Musical Clock.

7.45—Kilgus' Breakfast Station.

8.00—News and Weather Forecast.

8.15—New York's Morning Programme.

8.30—Good Morning.

9.30—Tuesday's Music—Manila Relay.

10.30—Console Keyboard—Manila Relay.

11.00—Music for All—Manila Relay.

P.M.

12.45—Hong Kong Stock Exchange Report.

12.55—Songs of the Islands—Music of Hawaii.

1.15—Time Time.

1.25—Interval Signal.

1.35—Light Music.

1.50—Singing.

2.00—From the Shows.

2.10—Variety Calls the Tune—Potpourri of Music.

4.15—Favourites—South American Melodies.

4.30—Vocally Yours—Ella Fitzgerald.

5.00—Music Makers.

5.15—Children's Corner—with Norma Stevens.

5.30—Movie Time.

5.50—Radio Headlines.

6.30—Music for Millions—Relay from Ceylon.

6.45—Richard Lin Sings—Hong Kong's Popular Tenor.

7.00—Listen to Letters (Gilmán)—from the Radio City Music Hall—New York.

7.15—Concert Favourites (Churchman's No. 1 Superettes).

7.45—The Super-Cole Programme—Singing Kay and His Orchestra.

8.00—BBC World News.

8.15—The Star-Sing (Nettle's).

8.30—Let's Waltz—Music in % Time.

8.45—Westing House Show—Latin American Melodies.

9.00—Mystery Scrap Book "Greek Tragedy".

9.15—Violent-Lopes (Prestler-Cookers).

9.30—Studio Dance Party.

9.45—BBC World News.

10.15—Local Nightly.

10.45—Light Music.

10.45—Paris Cabaret Music—Les Chanteuses françaises.

11.00—Standard.

11.15—Soft Lights and Sweet Music—Manila Relay.

11.30—Close Down.

Baseball Scores

New York, September 25.

Today's baseball scores.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

St. Louis Browns	R	H	E
Chicago White Sox	5	14	1
	7	9	0

St. Louis Browns (nightcap)

Chicago White Sox

(6 innings)

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Philadelphia Athletics

(7 innings)

Detroit Tigers

Cleveland Indians

New York Yankees

Boston Red Sox

(6 innings)

Pittsburgh Pirates

Cincinnati Reds

(nightcap)

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Cincinnati Reds

(nightcap)

Boston Braves

New York Giants

(6 innings)

Chicago Cubs

St. Louis Cardinals

Philadelphia Phillies

Brooklyn Dodgers

League Standings

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pc	Games Behind
St. Louis	95	54	.638	Nil
Brooklyn	94	56	.627	1 1/2
Philadelphia	79	72	.523	17
Boston	73	77	.487	22 1/2
New York	73	78	.483	23
Pittsburgh	67	82	.450	28
Cincinnati	60	90	.400	35 1/2
Chicago	59	91	.393	36 1/2

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pc	Games Behind
Boston	93	55	.623	Nil
New York	93	55	.623	Nil
Cleveland	87	64	.576	7 1/2
Philadelphia	79	70	.530	14 1/2
Chicago	62	88	.419	31
St. Louis	51	100	.338	43 1/2
Washington	48	101	.322	45 1/2

—United Press.

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

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(Ord.) 11.30 a.m.

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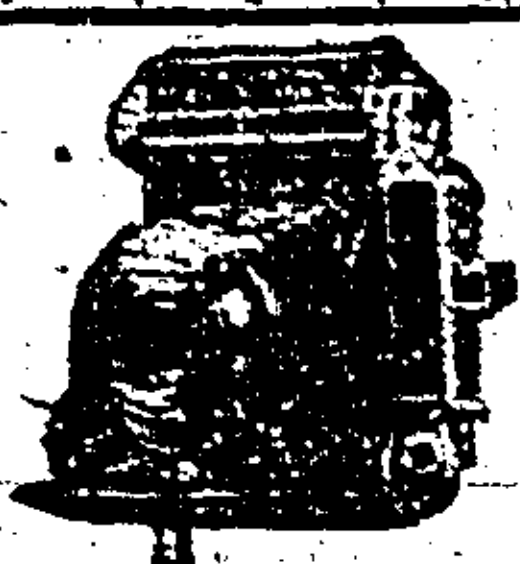
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SWEDISH SOCCER TEAM ARRIVING NOVEMBER 24

Grand Prix Disaster

Bris, September 25. Unofficial reports said today that at least seven were killed and 25 injured today when three racing cars competing for the Grand Prix of Czechoslovakia plunged at different times into groups of tightly packed spectators on a sharp curve.—United Press.

Italians In Davis Cup Final

San Francisco, September 25. Czechoslovak and Italian Davis Cup players figured prominently in the semi-finals when the hard court lawn tennis championships were continued at Berkeley here prior to the decision of the finals today.

Jaroslav Drobny and Vladimir Cernik won their men's doubles against the Americans Earl Cochell and Herb Flam 9-7, 4-6, 6-1, 6-4 and so qualified to meet Ted Schroeder, United States, and Eric Sturgess, South Africa, in the final.

In the mixed doubles semi-finals, Gianni K. Cucelli, Italy, and Wilma Smith, America, beat Marcello Del Bello, Italy, and Dorothy Herd, America, 8-6, 3-6, 6-3 while Sturgess and Doris Hart won 6-0, 6-3 against Cernik, Czechoslovakia, and Nancy Morrison, America.

Drobny put up a great fight in the men's singles semi-final, taking Schroeder to five sets before the American won 4-6, 8-6, 12-10, 6-4, 6-1.—Reuter.

Gutierrez Shield

The entries for the International Lawn Bowls Competition (Gutierrez Shield) closed yesterday. Clubs that have not sent in their entries are requested to do so today.

The following are the entries to date:

Club de Recreio Portugal—J. E. Noronha, J. A. Luz, R. F. Luz, C. C. Pereira, C. F. Remedios, A. C. Pereira, G. A. Gutierrez, A. A. Lopes and N. A. Beltrao.

Prison Officers Club Scotland—J. McCulloch, Ireland—C. V. Jamieson and J. Joyce, England—W.C. Higgs, J. Grant and H. G. Davies, Wales—R. S. Rosen, South Africa—A. W. Hircok.

Tellico Decks Club Scotland—J. C. Chalmers, W. G. McKie and M. Melrose, Ireland—J. H. Kinniburgh.

Indian Recreation Club Malaya—M. Y. Adal, S. Yusuf, A. M. Wahab, M. B. Hassan, A. H. Seemla, M. A. Wahab, sr., M. A. Wahab, jr., Ismail Ali and A. R. Kitchell.

Indis—K. M. Rumjahn, S. M. Rumjahn, A. R. Minu, A. R. A. Rahman and U. A. Rumjahn, Pakistan—M. I. Razack and A. M. Omidi.

Kowloon Cricket Club England—P. Goodwin and J. A. Tibble, Scotland—J. MacLean, China—J. Tang, J. N. Wong, George Lee and W. Hong-Sling, Switzerland—C. S. Rossetti, C. R. Rossetti, G. R. Rossetti and E. R. Rossetti.

Philippine Club Philippines—Dr. V. N. Atienza, R. Bass, A. E. Coates, W. C. Ogley, L. S. Castro, D. A. Rosario, Ireland—W. V. Field, China—T. K. Lim, J. W. Lee, W. S. Chang, A. Y. Lee, C. F. Lee, H. Y. Hsu.

Kowloon Decks Club Scotland—John McLellan, C. R. Logan, J. McKelvie, A. Campbell, W. Gaffney, P. Kennedy, J. V. Ramsay, A. McKinnis, England—A. E. Elliot, W. R. Bailey, G. F. Martin and W. Marshall, Wales—J. Burbeck.

Prague, September 25. Austria today defeated Czechoslovakia at soccer by 3-1 before 60,000 spectators in a match played at Vienna.

The half time score was 1-0 for Austria.

"I have been highly impressed by the play of your Chinese footballers, and I am sure that when they meet my Swedish team we are going to see a very good match."

This view was expressed by Mr. Wolf Leyberg, representative of the Swedish Soccer Team now touring the Far East, at a Press conference yesterday.

Mr. Leyberg arrived here a few days ago to finalize arrangements for the visiting Swedish Team to play in the Colony. They expect to arrive here about November 24. The technique and positioning of the Chinese players were good; they were very quick with their feet and from what he had seen, they played clean, said Mr. Leyberg.

The Swedish players were of bigger build and stronger physique, but they had a reputation for abstinence from all rough play, and Mr. Leyberg felt that they would not use their greater physical strength against their opponents.

The visiting Swedish Team has a world reputation behind it, having taken part in no less than nine international events, and at least two of their players, had played at the Olympics, one as goal keeper and the other as outside right. This season they had played against England, Ireland and Hungary.

Continental Better

Mr. Leyberg, who has been all over Europe, was of the opinion that Continental players were now better than the English whose fault, he thought, was their conservatism in keeping to old style and their long kicking.

Continental players had learnt their defence tactics from the English and had improved upon them.

The strongest national team, in the opinion of Mr. Leyberg, was that of Spain. Playing at Dublin they beat Ireland 5 to 0.

His opinion of Portuguese players was not so good. He said they were weak in the defence. Their team lost all four games when they played in Sweden.

Asked if Sweden had the strongest team in Europe, Mr. Leyberg said he would not make such a sweeping claim, but Swedish players were certainly among the best in Europe.

Swedish players went through a rigorous course of training each season. Their training consisted of road-work, gymnastics and Turkish baths. At least three a week they have to do five to six miles of road-work.

No Professionals

There were no professionals in Sweden, said Mr. Leyberg, but

Eire's Win A Shock To English Selectors

London, September 25. To say that the English football selectors were shocked at the defeat of England by Eire, the first foreign side to win on British soil, is an understatement.

The match was considered to be in the nature of a walk-over for the English team, full of seasoned players with international experience, in a trial for the World Cup games to come.

Even if the selectors had in mind the idea of trying out a few players, outside right Harris, centre-forward Pye and right back Moseley, were new cups, to see if they fitted in, they must have felt that they had, at least, enough old blood to see the side through to victory.

They now know otherwise, and it would need a crystal gazer to choose the side that the selectors will pick to meet Wales in Wales in the first World Cup match on October 15.

Williams might keep his place in goal. Aston might keep his at left-back, but Moseley is likely to go.

The Football Association do not look kindly on men who give away penalties, however well they may plan, and Moseley was not conspicuous.

The half back line of Wright, Franklin and Dickinson may well be left alone, but the attack might be entirely different.

Harris, Morris, Fre, Mannion and Finney might all disappear and be replaced by Matthews, Mortensen, Rowley (or Bentley), Shackleton and Mullen.

Why England Lost

Why did England lose? That is the question foreigners will be asking. The answer is simple. The attack failed, a penalty was given away, and the Irishmen took the most of the chances that Dame Fortune gave them.

Swedish Soccer Representative



Mr. Wolf Leyberg, representing the Swedish soccer team which is to visit Hong Kong, snapped yesterday with Mr. Omar, Secretary of the Hong Kong Football Association. ("China Mail" photo).

Colony Lawn Tennis Championships

A full programme of matches for the Colony Lawn Tennis Championships, sponsored by the Ladies Recreation Club, was played off yesterday and resulted in some close finishes.

A great struggle was seen in the Mixed Doubles championship when K. C. Lai and Mrs. J. Yuen beat C. Kotewall and Mrs. Tamworth by two sets to one.

Kotewall and Mrs. Tamworth won the first set after 18 games, but lost the second after 10 games. The winners exerted pressure and won the deciding set after eight games.

Ip Koon-hung, the Colony Singles champion, partnered by his wife, beat D. Lo and Mrs. Chaun by 6-1, 7-5. The Ips won the first set rather convincingly but in the second set, Ip and his partner fully extended the Ips, the latter pair won by 7-5.

The following are the full results:

Colony Ladies Singles Mrs. Stroobach beat Miss Ribeiro 6-2, 6-1.

Mrs. Getz beat Mrs. Bushbaum 6-2, 6-1.

Colony Mixed Doubles W. P. Tsui and Miss Litton beat Sze-to Bick and Miss Chang 6-2, 6-1.

M. Heenan and Mrs. Cooper beat O. Humjahn and Miss H. Y. Lau 6-4, 6-2.

T. Tsui and Mrs. Chow beat Major Mitchell and Mrs. Williams 6-4, 6-3.

K. H. Ip and Mrs. Ip beat D. Lo and Mrs. Chaun 6-1, 7-5.

K. C. Lai and Mrs. J. Yuen beat C. Kotewall and Mrs. Tamworth 6-10, 6-4, 6-2.

Club Ladies Doubles Mrs. Scholes and Mrs. Holman beat Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Cotesworth 4-6, 6-1, 6-2.

Mrs. Slater and Mrs. Kike beat Mrs. Armstrong and Mrs. Strickland 4-6, 6-1, 6-2.

Club Men's Singles W. J. D. Cooper beat E. Zuluf 6-1, 4-6, 6-1.

Club Men's Singles J. D. Mackie beat A. L. Smith 6-4, 6-3.

K. B. Baker beat P. Bonnerman 4-6, 7-5, 6-3.

J. Huihah beat Cndr. Harrison 6-2, 6-4.

Handicap Men's Singles J. D. Mackie beat J. Kempton 6-2, 6-3.

Handicap Ladies Singles Mrs. Ayres beat Mrs. Propher 3-6, 7-5, 6-4.

Louise Suggs Wins U.S. Women's Golf Championship

Landover, Maryland, September 26. Miss Louise Suggs won the United States women's open golf championship here with a 72 holes aggregate of 291. She finished 14 strokes ahead of her nearest rival, Mrs. Babe Didrikson Zaharias, the defending champion. Both are professionals.

Miss Carol Dirlinger was best among the amateurs, finishing third with 308.—Reuter.

Colony Open Golf Championship

The Open Amateur Golf Championship of the Colony will be held at Fanling on Saturday, October 8. Golfers are reminded that entries for the above close on Friday, September 30.

Thirty six holes Medal play under R. & A. Rules. Entry is open to all amateur golfers with a handicap of 10 or less. Entries should be forwarded to the Secretary, Royal Hong Kong Golf Club, 233 Prince's Building, together with a certificate of handicap and entrance fee of \$15.00.

Victory Cup. Members are reminded that entries for this competition close on Monday, October 3. The draw will be published on October 4 and the first round to be played by October 23 and the succeeding rounds by every fortnight thereafter.

A match is being arranged for Sunday, October 9 between members of the Club who are ex-Shanghai and Hong Kong members of the Club. Please append names on the list at Fanling or advise the Club office accordingly, stating against whom you wish to play. This will be arranged as far as possible.

Club Ladies Doubles Mrs. Andrews and Mrs. Cooper v Mrs. Kempton and Mrs. White.

Hardcourt Championship The hardcourt tennis championship sponsored by the Chinese Recreation Club started yesterday when out of five matches down for decision, two were postponed.

One singles and two doubles matches were however played out.

T. T. Baker won the singles by beating P. V. Kwok 6-4, 6-3 while in the doubles, D. Chan and G. M. Jun beat C. H. Ip and S. F. Lam 6-2, 6-2 and Y. W. Lee and Ng Kam-chuen beat Y. P. Fung and W. Wu 6-4, 6-3.

Badminton Association Meeting

The annual general meeting of the Hong Kong Badminton Association was held at the "South China Morning Post" Board Room yesterday and was presided over by Mr. S. A. Gray, President of the Association.

After the reading of minutes of last year's annual meeting by the Hon. Secretary, the election of officials followed.

Mr. Denzil Hazel was elected President of the Association and Mr. F. H. Kwok as Vice-President, and the following were elected Honorary Vice-Presidents: Mr. A. M. Rodrigues, Messrs. E. Abraham, Aw. Hoe, M. Talan, S. A. Gray and Daniel Chen.

David Kwok was elected Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. A. Soares, Hon. Treasurer and Mr. M. A. Oliveria, Hon. Treasurer.

At the Hong Kong Football Referees' meeting held last night members of the Referees' Association decided to write to the Hong Kong Football Association about dressing room accommodations for referees at all grounds.

The meeting which took place at the Prince's Building, was conducted by Mr. A. E. P. Guest, chairman of the association.

Terms for discussion at the meeting were reading of correspondence, general discussions on the laws of the game and other business.

Before the meeting adjourned the association decided that in the future referees' meetings will be held on every last Tuesday of the month.

The next meeting will be held on October 25 at 8:30 p.m.

Prague, September 25. Czechoslovakia's track and field team defeated Poland in Prague today by 103 points to 87.

Lieutenant Emil Zolotopke, Czechoslovakian champion distance runner, won the 5,000 metres in 14 minutes 49.8 seconds.—Associated Press.

This Rough Play Must Stop

(By RAYMOND GLENDENNING)

The soccer season is only a few weeks old, but already, in one of the most hectic-ever scrambles for points, there are signs of exceptionally rough play.

Let us have no more of it. Referees must act boldly and deal ruthlessly with football's roughness.

Fortunately they are few in number, but the effect of their can-toddle French kiddies are taught self-reliance and how to laugh at their own natural abilities. They don't take a bucket and spade to the seaside. They go there to find a variety of tops, hoops, rings and parallel bars, and do they learn to use them!

I saw children—all under five years of age—wringing each other in performing backward somersaults and other advanced gymnastic exercises that they could not have started in this country until they get to secondary school at least. And they were loving it!

What a pity their antics are cheered by partisan home crowds who turn these undesirables into haloed heroes.

Referees have the remedy in their own hands. At the first sign of roughness they should warn the culprit and if that is not effective should send them marching to the dressing-rooms.

A series of sending-offs temporarily may give the game a bad name, but ultimately it will wipe out the nuisance. Let us have action—NOW.

The public are demanding that the Scottish F.A., Scottish League, and police get together for a complete and immediate conference on how to stamp out the hoodlums element at our matches. It blazed up to a near riot at the Rangers-Celtic match last Saturday, and it is but right to say the authorities were startled.

The police succeeded in quelling the disturbance, but what shocked the governing bodies was the clear evidence that the pre-war crazy gang are still in existence.

"Old Firm" Clashes Unless they are routed out, either by Supporters' Club vigilantes or by the police, decent-thinking followers of the game will stay away from "Old Firm" clashes.

Do we bring up our children too soft? Is our general slump in standard or play due to the fact that we are not getting our future stars "young enough"?

It is a good thing, sometimes, to move right away from one's own sporting world and get an entirely new slant on old problems.

That's what I have been doing on the year's holiday, and I am convinced that there is a lesson to be learnt from the French beaches.

Star Footballers At the moment English managers, finding Scottish senior clubs determined to hold their star players, have gone seeking talent among the Scots minor clubs.

But that has brought immediate reaction. Instead of a junior club being content with a small fee, there is no limit to what an English club may pay—they are finding the price put upon a youngster is soaring.

Indeed, the English scouts need only show themselves to have the centre of their attraction labelled "ceiling price."

Scottish clubs, on the other hand, can have the player at a pegged price, "according to his registration schedule, and it is no thing to what the same player would cost a club like, say, Arsenal or Chelsea.

Director-Manager Jimmy Davies is angered at the silly stories revolving around international goalkeeper Jimmy Cowan.

Facts are that Jimmy, as he has told me himself, is perfectly happy at Greenock, and there he will remain.

I admit Manchester City came after him as did half a dozen other English clubs, but the senseless and persistent rumour that he is about to move are not only upsetting to Moffat but irritating to the player himself.

Looking back on past triumphs as he leans on the corner of his bar in the Palace Hotel, Biarritz, I came across Georges Carpentier.

He has still a splendid physique, though his hair is iron grey and he cannot read without his glasses. In reply to my question as to what he thought of the present crop of heavyweights—Georges gave a very French and at the same time very eloquent shrug of his still broad shoulders!

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